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ALLEGED SABOTAGE OF GOVERNMENT FISHERIES

Quarrel Over A Tap

Ip Hing (34) and Chek Tip (17) are both employed by the same shop at 272 Lai Chi Kok Road.

On Thursday evening, they both wanted to use the water tap, but neither would permit the other to have first use, a quarrel ensued.

Ip the older, got rattled over the "cheek" of the young folk, but instead of cooling his opponent down he took up a bucket of water and poured it over Chek's head.

Chek was sent to Kowloon Hospital with burns on his face and the left side of the chest.

The incident was narrated by Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth when Ip stood in the dock before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday charged with causing grievous bodily harm.

The Magistrate warned defendant of the serious consequences which might have resulted from his rash act, and fined him \$150 or two months' hard labour.

Gold Case: Defendant Absent

Failure to appear at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Wu Sun had his bail of \$100 extended by Mr. J. G. Conklin.

Defendant should have appeared on a charge of importing gold without a permit from the I. & E. department. The gold was brought into Hong Kong on board the M. J. "Sang Tai Lee" in which defendant is the commander. R. O. Humphrey discovered the 46 slabs of gold in a false side of the craft whilst making a routine search on its arrival from Macao. The gold is valued at \$80,000.

Mr. E. H. Sainsbury was for the prosecution.

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Licensed Dealers Appear In Court

Central Magistracy yesterday became a scene of unprecedented activity when what was described by Senior Police Superintendent F. W. W. Shaftain, OBE, as sabotage of the Government fisheries scheme came before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Thirty-two licensed fish dealers were hauled in last Wednesday by DSI J. Johnson, DSI V. Morrison and PCD In Muk after a week's observation.

Seven were detained and 23 on bails ranging from \$2,500 to \$1,000. All were charged with conspiring to sell salt water fish unlawfully. Two were discharged, and three, who pleaded not guilty, were remanded for a week. The others were each fined \$1,000 or three months' imprisonment.

Mr. Shaftain, prosecuting, said though he was asking for a serious view to be taken he would not press for imprisonment, because all defendants had volunteered to help the Police in the investigation of the "corrupt Government servants" involved in this matter.

Outlining the case, he said that practically all the defendants were members of the pre-war "Fish Lanes." After the liberation, The Government took over and fish could only be sold through Government auction.

Three months after this change, defendants resumed business, buying all salt water fish from fishing junks, to which they had lent \$1,500,000 for the business. This, defendants said, was the only way to get back their money.

Bribery Necessary

To continue their business smoothly, Mr. Shaftain said, it was necessary to bribe Government servants and the accounts on the booklets revealed \$9,000 were spent monthly on this "squeeze." The "Hop Yik Tong" had tallymen at the various landing places at Aberdeen and Cheung Chau, who collected fish, paying 75 cents per basket and \$1.50 per tub. Money from this "duty" went to the "squeeze department."

Mr. Shaftain said that the Government only receives about 70 pence daily, and eight per cent from the auction proceeds. But on January 22, he pointed out, 230 pence were collected. The average collection would be from 300 to 320 pence. Government thus lost about \$3,000 daily.

Fines within the amount of bail would be appropriate, Mr. Shaftain concluded, to serve as a warning to others.

Mr. C.A.S. Russ, defending 11 of the defendants, pleaded guilty. He requested a small fine on the ground that defendants would assist Police in dealing with the "corrupt Government servants."

"It is appalling to see Government depriving people of their right and vested interests," Mr. Russ said. Defendants were carrying on a practice which

Persistent Offenders

Lau Mui, 30-year-old prostitute, was banished for ten years on Jan. 8. At 2.20 a.m. yesterday she was "picked up" by Inspector T. Collins at Nathan Road near Ningpo Street.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer later in the morning with causing an obstruction by loitering and with returning from banishment, accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for re-deportation.

Two other prostitutes, Wong Ying (30) and Tseung Gu-fong (35), were sentenced to one month's hard labour and recommended for banishment when they admitted the charge of causing an obstruction at Nathan Road near Jordan Road.

They were arrested by Inspector T. Collins, said Inspector J. Orem, at 10.55 a.m. on Jan. 22. Both had two previous convictions.

King's Abdication



Dr. Petru Groza, Rumanian Prime Minister, is seen reading the abdication act to King Michael at Bucharest. The King abdicated because conditions in Rumania do not allow of a monarchical constitution. Rumania was proclaimed a popular republic. (A.P. Photo).

PROFITEERS TELL THE SAME OLD STORY

The same tale of ignorance and of a foki's fault was the plea of 11 profiteers, brought up before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy by Mr. P. G. Pitman of the Price Control Section.

The alternative of one month's closure or \$500 was given to Kwan Kim Sing, of Pak Wai Medicine Company (323, Queen's Road Central) for selling one 30 cc Calc-Ostelin at \$14.50 (\$13.60).

D.B. Cheung of Kwong Tai, 34, Des Voeux Road, Central, was fined \$200 for selling a tin of Nestle's malted milk at \$2.50 (\$2.20).

Lee Ying of Cheong Lee, 395, Queen's Road West, was fined \$100 for selling a cake of Cashmere Bouquet soap at \$1.40 (85 cents).

Wong Hon of On Kee, 60 Des Voeux Road Central, was fined \$75 for selling a cake of Cashmere Bouquet soap at \$1.30 (85 cents).

Ny Sau Ki of Wong Wo, 174, Hennessy Road, was fined \$75 for selling a cake of Majestic soap at \$1.00 (80 cents).

Tam Wai of Luen Wah, 588, Queen's Road, West, was fined \$75 for selling a bottle of Bonox at \$1.30 (\$1.16).

Ma Yin of Kun Kee Noodle Market, 17, Gage Street, was fined \$50 for selling a catty of plain noodles at 70 cents (60 cents).

Yeung Sap of Pitch No. 1, Li Yuen Street, West, was fined \$350 for selling half a pound of knitting wool at \$10.00 (\$8.50).

Another One Returns

Cheong Shing, 24, a life banished, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and recommended for re-deportation by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded guilty to having returned from banishment.

Inspector J. Orem informed the Court that the prosecution was prepared to accept accused's charged plea of not guilty to the count of being a member of the Lun Ying Triad Society.

When Cheong appeared in Court on Thursday it was stated that he admitted to being a member of that society. In the dock he denied having made such an admission and the case was remanded for 24 hours.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Le Beau Danube"—Ballet Music (Johann Strauss), London Philharmonic Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Songs by Harold Williams (Baritone).

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Studio Andy Hidalgo and His Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Much Binding in the March".

6.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme and Winnie Melville (Soprano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: "Unit Requies" Linda Cater Calling H.M.S. "Tamar" R.I. Mesa.

8.15 p.m.—Studio: "See Two" Soccer Commentary: South China v. Navy.

8.25 p.m.—Interlude.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Palm". A Story from the Little Prince (South Africa) by Pauline Smith.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—Interlude.

9.15 p.m.—Studio: "How to run a Bazaar" by Donald McCall (South B.C. Drama Trust Quis Master).

9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Paul Temple and The Gregory Affair" by Francis Durbridge. Episode: "The Verdict: Van Gogh".

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.

10.15 p.m.—Studio: "Dance Music".

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Illegal Radio Charge

"I heard no noise and they were seldom in the cubicle. Even when they were they had the door locked so that I could not see inside. How was I to know they were operating an illegal radio transmitting and receiving set?" asked Pun Wan Yuk when she appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of allowing radio communications to be operated on her premises.

Appearing at the same time were Chan Kam Wan and Wan Kam Ching. Chan was charged with using a radio transmitter without a licence and being in possession of a radio transmitter without a licence.

Wong was charged with maintaining an unlicensed radio communication set.

Chan admitted both charges but said that it was not his set. He was employed only three days ago by a man who had since left for Canton.

Wong denied the charge. The case was adjourned until today at this stage owing to the absence of a radio expert to give evidence.

He Couldn't Explain

Au Shing alias Au Wong, 46, will be given free passage back to his native county of Po On after he has served three months' hard labour in Stanley Gaol.

The "free trip" was recommended by Magistrate Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Au, with two previous convictions for larceny, was convicted on the charge of loitering with intent.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth told the Court that defendant was arrested by Det. Sgt. 62 at Sai Tau Village, Kowloon City, at 11.45 p.m. on Jan. 21, when he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of why he was there.

Mr. Blair-Kerr sentenced Au to three months' hard labour and recommended that he be banished.

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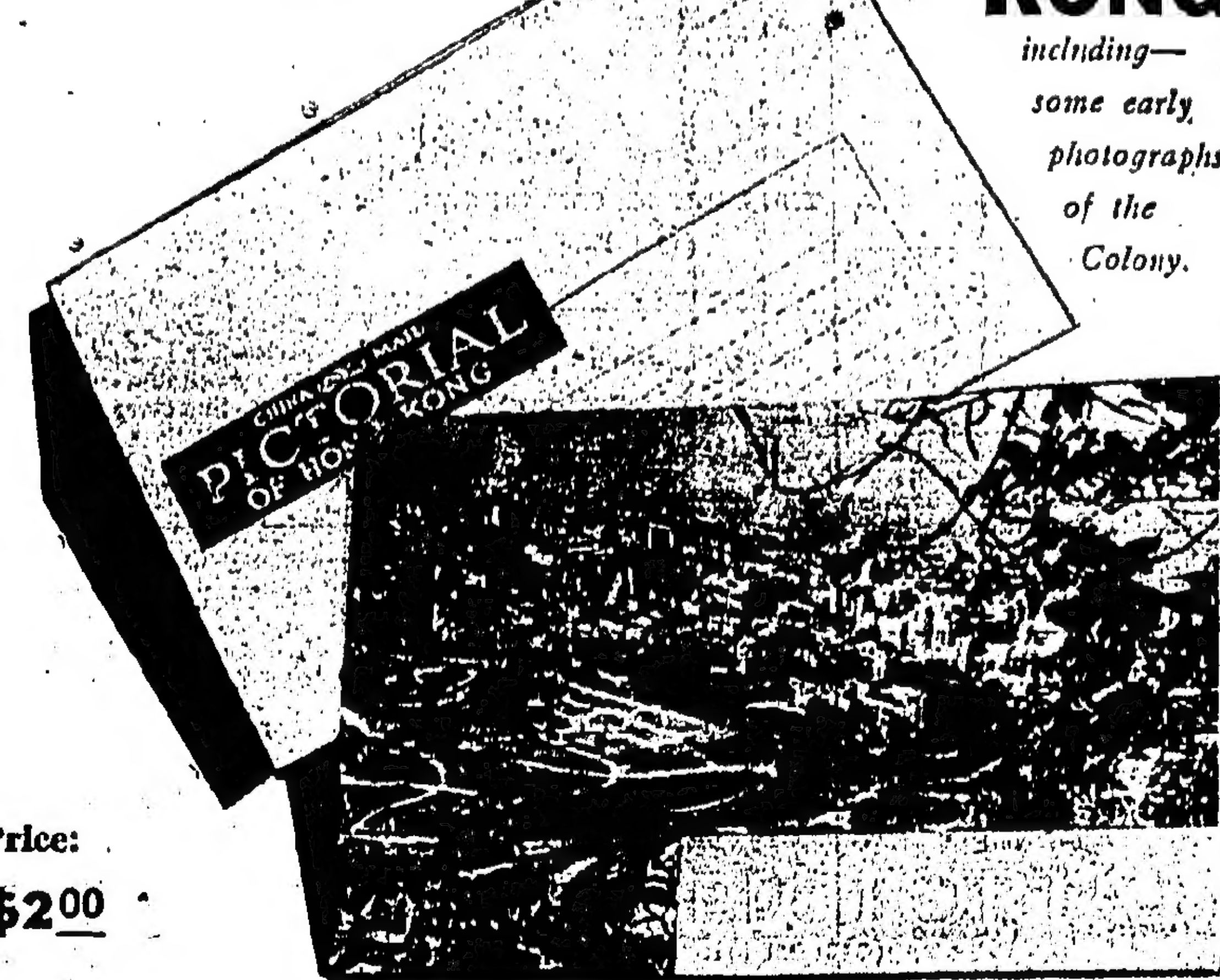
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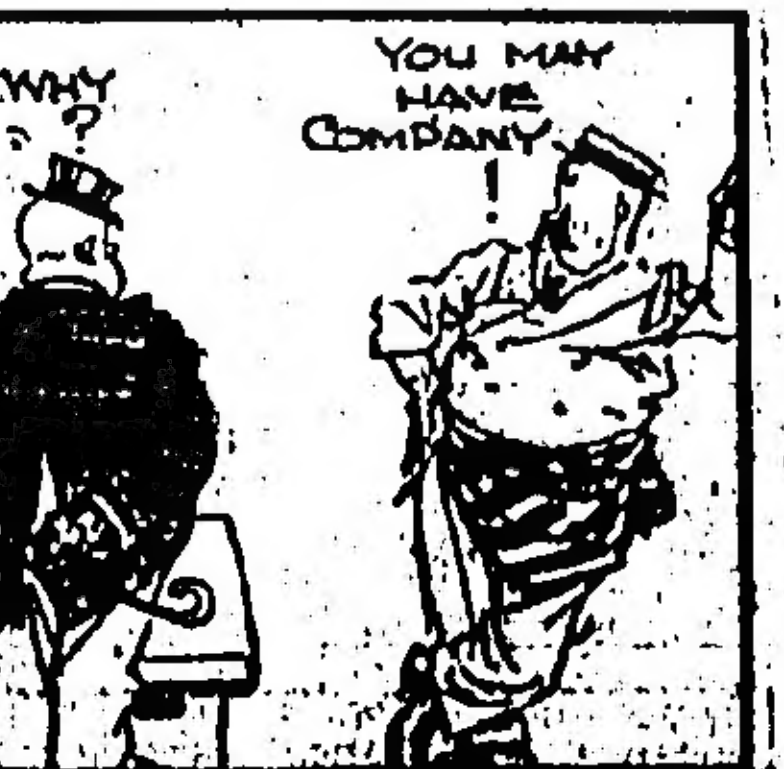
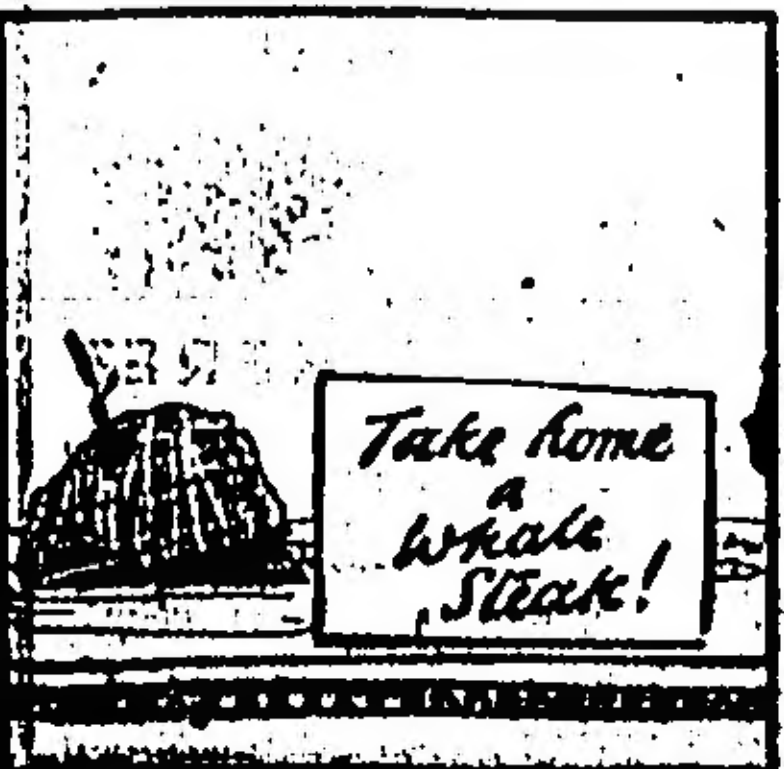
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TWENTY-THREE KILLED Bitter Feud Continues In Palestine Ambushes On The Tel-Aviv Road

Jerusalem, Jan. 22.
Arabs today pulled seven Jewish special policemen from a truck at Yezur, stabbed and beat them to death, dragged their bodies through the streets and threw them into an orange grove. It was one of the most vicious attacks since the partition of the Holy Land was decided on.

Russia's Worldwide Campaign

Washington, Jan. 22.
William J. Donovan, head of the wartime Office of Strategic Services, testified today before the Senate Committee that Russia has launched a worldwide "subversive war" which must be countered with a strength of Marshall plan.
Donovan said the Russians have established a world network keyed to "the saboteur, traitor and hidden enemy."
Donovan added that a "shooting war" with Russia is not inevitable but the Soviets have already gained "great success" by exploiting misery and hunger.
"There is a phase of war other than shooting... and this war is in progress. It is being waged by Russia but not by the Red Army. It is being waged by the Communist Party of Russia and fifth columns throughout the world."—United Press.

SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT

Moscow, Jan. 22.
Russia has signed a trade agreement with Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, calling for exchanges of goods, according to a Belgian source today.
The agreement, said to be the largest deal the Soviet has made outside Eastern Europe since the war, was concluded after nearly eight weeks of negotiations in Moscow between Soviet trade officials and a delegation from the Lowland nations.—United Press.

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The Jews killed three Arabs before being overwhelmed. Another Jew was killed and three wounded when Arabs attacked a Tel-Aviv-bound convoy seven miles from Jerusalem.
In all-Jewish Tel-Aviv, Jews attacked three Poles and killed one. The Poles were suspected of being Arab spies. A mob attacked the Poles as the Jewish defence army, Hagannah, tried to arrest them.
An Arab was killed and two others seriously wounded by snipers between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv. Another Jewish convoy was ambushed near Jerusalem, but there was no immediate report of casualties.
Twenty-four Arabs, gaoled on charges of having illegal arms, announced that they would "fast to death" unless the British released them before they starved.
Persistent reports in Beirut, Lebanon, said that thousands of Arabs from Syria and the Lebanon had filtered into Palestine, but only to prepare bases for bigger action to follow.

23 Dead

Twenty-three people—eight Jews and 15 Arabs were reported killed in a flare-up on the main Jerusalem to Tel-Aviv road.

Twelve Arabs were killed when Jews ambushed an Arab bus near the spot where the Arabs attacked the Jewish lorry.
A Jewish convoy, travelling from Jerusalem to Tel-Aviv, was ambushed outside Jerusalem, and Jewish sources reported one Jew killed and a Jewess wounded.

The intelligence service of Hagannah was quoted by a Jewish Agency spokesman at a press conference in Jerusalem today for reports that 500 armed Lebanese and 600 Syrians had "infiltrated" across the northern Palestine frontier and have joined the Arab irregular forces.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, left Palestine by air today for the United States on a mission to mobilize American Jewry and to seek all possible aid for Zionist Palestine.—Reuter and United Press.

BEEF EXPORTS

Melbourne, Jan. 22.
Queensland produced a record of more than 100,000 tons of beef worth about \$5,500,000 during 1947, of which nearly 90,000 tons were exported. Three-fourths of Australia's beef exports this year will come from Queensland, but the full impact of the 1948 drought will cripple exports in the 1950-51 seasons.—United Press.

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Nanking Conference

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The conference will be attended by all the directors of the President's headquarters in China and other military leaders.—Reuter.

Britain's Gain In Malaya

New York, Jan. 22.
The "New York Times" in a leading article today on the signing of the agreements between the Malay Sultans and the British Government, establishing a Federation of Malaya, said:
"We believe history will record that Britain has gained more than she has lost by the did in freeing India and Burma."
"Britain should gain a goodwill that should be far more important in the years ahead than any political or economic advantage she might be able to hold briefly by the side of the tide of nationalism that is now flowing through the Far East."
The "New York Times" added that enlightened English rule, which had given Malaya a higher rate of literacy than the most of Asia, should make a solution of the Federation's problems easier.—Reuter.

Race Ruling In Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma, Jan. 22.
The University of Oklahoma must either admit Ada Lios Spigel, 23-year-old negro, to its School of Law until a separate negro law school can be established, or close the University law school to new students, District Judge Justin Hinshaw ruled today.
Judge Hinshaw gave his ruling after the United States Supreme Court ordered the State to provide equal and immediate educational facilities for the girl, who sought unsuccessfully to enrol in 1946.
Mixed classes are prohibited by the Oklahoma State Constitution.—Associated Press.

Bee Expert Dies At 95

London, Jan. 22.
George Bennett, retired Mitnam Surrey postman, who claimed to have cured himself of rheumatism after 25 years ago by letting his bees sting him, died today aged 95.
He claimed to be England's oldest bee keeper and was always called by the police to collect swarms from any public place. While boxing a swarm in a tree at Carshalton last Summer he slipped on the table on which he was standing and disturbed the bees. "But not one of them stung me," he said.—Reuter.

General Offensive In Greece

Athens, Jan. 22.
A "general offensive" was reported under way today in Northern Greece with elements of six divisions attacking the guerillas.

Guerilla positions in the Arden area, 60 miles northwest of Salonika, and eight miles south of the Yugoslav border, were reported overrun after several hours of fierce fighting.
A number who had been forcibly recruited were reported to have surrendered.
Simultaneously, another large scale operation was launched in the Nestorion region in the Grammos mountains southwest of Kastoria.
Guerilla losses were described as "considerable" and they were "crushed". Scores of caves were found containing arms, ammunitions and food.
Seventy "Communists" were arrested in Larissa, police announced.—Associated Press.

Navies Of The Future

Washington, Jan. 22.
Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of Naval Operations, today predicted that the Navy of the future would fire heavy guided missiles from the decks of its ships.
He said firings from the deck of the carrier Midway had proved that this could be done.
"The relatively short range of the guided missile becomes a trans-oceanic missile when launched from a ship," Adm. Denfeld said. "If in the future our ships are able to use these weapons in quantity, the effect will be felt at any point in navigable waters."—United Press.

WINDSOR WANTS CIVIC CENTRE

Windsor, Jan. 22.
Windsor Borough Council wants the War Office to derequisition the Imperial Service College, which is now being used as an A.T.S. Officer cadet training unit.
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WAGES AND PRICES

As wages and prices are, or soon will be, the major internal problem in every country in the world, it is worth while looking at two important viewpoints recently disclosed in Britain. The first, that of a special committee of the Trades Union Congress which is representative of the majority of British trade unions, is that of the workers. The second, that of Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, can be interpreted as the Government view.

The Trades Union Congress is quite clear about wages. It would be impracticable and undesirable to impose specific limits and restrictions on wage increases. In other words there should be no pegging of wages, which should be left to the system of voluntary collective bargaining which has worked well so far, and Government should continue the cost of living subsidies.

Inflation, or the problem of keeping prices stable while there are shortages, should be dealt with by controlling prices and distribution of essential and scarce commodities, and restraining by taxation and the encouragement of voluntary savings the pressure of money on other scarce commodities which are difficult to control.

Sir Stafford Cripps has taken the view that rising prices and wages are an acute danger which will inevitably result in uncontrolled and disastrous inflation. The true way to improve living standards, he claims, is to increase productive efficiency that prices can be reduced while maintaining wage levels. Quite apart from the salutary internal effect this would have of making wages more valuable in terms of goods, it is the only way in which Britain can maintain her competitive position in world trade. Prices are of course the key, and taking the world as a whole there is no doubt that the general level is rising too fast and too far.

There can be little objection to comparatively high prices providing the rise is more or less uniform and there is stabilisation at a practical level. It is the continued "up and upness" which is the worry particularly for Britain and Europe. Without prompt stabilisation of prices it is certain that a substantial part of the benefits of the Marshall Plan of aid for Europe will be wiped out before the money is received. Britain has already had one costly experience with the United States loan—between negotiating it and last July prices rose against her by 28 per cent.

The cost of raw materials and food is the prime determinant in most current price calculations. And the main fact is that almost without exception every item is rising, often at a hectic pace. In the case of Britain the authorities have struggled persistently to stabilise and even reduce prices. Unfortunately, as an importer of most raw materials and a great deal of food, control has been largely outside the British sphere. Taking 1938 as 100 the price index number of food, drink and tobacco imports now stands at 239 and raw materials have climbed to the height of 295!

As a manufacturing country Britain suffers from the inevitable time lag in closing the gap between rises in raw materials prices and those of goods. This is made clear by the trend of import and export prices over the 12 months to November last. With the base year 1938 as 100, the Board of Trade index of import prices was 217 in November, 1947, and 259 in November, 1947, a rise of 42 points. The export index, on the other hand, rose in the same period by only 23 points from 207 to 230. Unless a prompt stop is put to the world rise in prices, 1948 can easily be a year of trouble and chaos. The red light is

Paris, Jan. 22. The return to Indo-China of the French High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, after exhaustive talks with the ex-Empress of Annam, Bao Dai, in Geneva, marks a new stage in the long drawn-out attempts to re-establish peace in Indo-China.

The negotiations with the ex-Empress have not had the speedy results which certain quarters predicted, but they appear to have prepared the ground for gradual evolution towards a state of affairs in which French interests and Indo-Chinese national aspirations can hope to find common satisfaction.

War weariness is spreading increasingly through the three provinces of Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina, and the popularity of the Communist-Nationalist leader, Dr. Ho Chi-Minh, who declared war on France in December, 1946, has steadily declined, according to reliable reports from Indo-China itself.

The military situation in the north—where the anti-French revolt broke

out—is reported to have greatly improved in favour of the French, but this is to some extent offset by a worsening of the position in the rich food-supplying regions of Cochinchina, where guerrilla warfare has been increasing.

The French Government is prepared to grant the fullest Vietnamese (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) independence compatible with Indo-China forming part of the French Union as defined under the French Constitution.

Vexed Question

On the vexed question of allowing Cochinchina to link up with Tonkin and Annam in a Vietnamese Republic, the French Government would probably be prepared to give the Nationalists full satisfaction, especially if the latter were represented by someone or some party whose signature to any agreement could be regarded as permanent.

Any question of treating with Dr.

Ho Chi Minh seems to be completely excluded. His doctrinaire position and other loyalties are, it is felt in Paris, bound to lead him to regard any agreement as purely temporary and opportunistic, and as being merely a stepping stone to further demands.

This would definitely not be the case if an official agreement were signed with the ex-Empress, Bao Dai, who is now enjoying a rest at his property at Cannes, south of France, where he is also having treatment by an eye specialist.

But before any progress can be made with the ex-Empress, he must first of all regain representative status in Indo-China.

Time Needed

This will require time, and action on the part of his partisans at home. Various demonstrations in his favour have already taken place.

While the prospects of an eventual agreement are regarded in Paris as hopeful, and the general effect of French policy in Indo-China in the past two years has tended to re-establish French prestige, the diplomatic task facing the French is a delicate and subtle one.

The ex-Empress, by the very fact of his greater moderation and fundamental friendliness towards France, has much better chances of getting more favourable terms from the French than Dr. Ho Chi Minh ever had.

But, at the same time, every time the negotiations reach a climax, the ex-Empress tends to stiffen his conditions.

Two points on which the French Government is determined not to give way are those of an independent Indo-Chinese diplomatic representation abroad, and on the right of the French Army to move freely inside Indo-China.

The French viewpoint is that under the French Union Constitution, all members of the Union—Indo-China included if an agreement is reached—are Frenchmen, and therefore have the right to attain any official post or position in the Empire. This, the French consider, takes care of the diplomatic question.

Army Mobility

For similar constitutional reasons, they could not admit the principle that any army forming part of the French Union should be excluded from any part of the Union.

At Geneva, it is understood, the ex-Empress urged that the Vietnam Republic should be represented independently at the United Nations.

This is a relatively new demand, and is an example of the increase of the stakes as the bargaining reaches its mature state.

While the ex-Empress has French support, it is also believed in Paris that he has the support of the United States, and it is not impossible that he may be tempted to play off one against the other during the coming months.

Meanwhile, it would be premature to expect any very rapid "solution" of the Indo-Chinese question. It has still to be proved that the ex-Empress can re-establish himself in Indo-China, and this is a process which, in the best of circumstances, must take some time.

There is talk in Paris officials' circles of General Charles Mast, the former French Resident General in Tunisia, replacing the present High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Bollaert, but no official comment on this report is available.—Reuter.

Chinese Evicted In Manila

Manila, Jan. 23.

Eviction of Chinese stallholders from the city markets under the City ordinance—the constitutionality of which is challenged in the Supreme Court by the Chinese—will continue today following the peaceful termination of the eviction of a total of 23 Chinese vendors from Divisoria, largest of the Manila markets.

Thirty-one more Chinese vendors are slated for eviction this morning and it is believed their withdrawal will be voluntary. Upon termination of the Divisoria evictions, Chinese in the second largest market—Quinta—will be evicted.

The Court of the First Instance in Manila is expected to hand down today the decision on the Divisoria Chinese petition for an injunction to stay execution of the eviction order—similar petitions already have been rejected by the Supreme Court.

A Chinese Legation official said the eviction meant hardship to Chinese vendors, but emphasized that the Chinese would abide by Philippine law and hoped the incident would not affect friendly relations between the two Governments.

With the evictions going on, it appeared that the long-drafted plan for nationalization of market stalls would be a success unless the final Supreme Court decision on the matter of the constitutionality of the measure should prove adverse to the Government.

A Manila Chronicle editorial, entitled "Case of the Market Stalls," observes: "It is not discriminating legislation that has resulted in the ouster of Chinese from market stalls but a law that applies to all aliens in general. It is merely coincidence that Chinese are the most affected."

"The basic principle behind the nationalization plan is to contribute to the stabilization of the national economy, which today is controlled by aliens."

The "Chronicle" said there had been "ugly rumours" that the Chinese... would hold commodities under their control from flowing into the market and are bent on foiling the effectiveness of the ordinance."

"We believe responsible Chinese will disprove them by their attitude and further actions in relation to the case. They have only to abide by the verdict of the courts and by the spirit of friendly relations existing between their country and ours."—United Press.

Nazi Who Had A Shock

Washington, Jan. 22.

Two months before Germany attacked Russia, the Nazi Attaché in Moscow knew far less about Hitler's intentions than the British Ambassador, according to secret German documents published by the US State Department.

The documents, include a telegram dated April 24, 1941, from the attaché to his Berlin headquarters saying that rumours of war were being spread by travellers from Germany.

"The attaché's telegram said: 'According to the Consul of the Italian Embassy, the British Ambassador predicts June 22 as the day of the outbreak of war. May 20 is said by others. I am endeavouring to counter the rumours which are manifestly absurd.' The Briton was right to the day."—Associated Press.

WAGE DROP

London, Jan. 23.

Twenty thousand Mersey side ship repair workers will have a wage drop of between sixpence and one shilling hourly from the end of March following the abolition of payment by result bonus.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Fix it, please! I'm told it has been insulting my intelligence!"

Beggars Are Coming To London Town

By Glanville Carew

London, Jan. 9.

For thirty years before the Spanish Armada visited our shores, or rather, our coasts in 1588 and was most discourteously—even rudely—received, and for fifteen years after the winds of heaven and the guns of English ships had sent the Spanish galleons to Davy Jones's Locker, Elizabeth Tudor, otherwise 'Good Queen Bess,' otherwise 'Gloria,' otherwise 'The Virgin Queen' sat upon the throne.

She spent much of her time in her 45 years' reign giving orders of one sort and another and it is recorded that as a rule, though not always, what Elizabeth said went. Among many other things she decreed that London was to grow no larger. Nevertheless it grew and grew and now, nearly three-and-a-half centuries after she died in 1603, London still persists in growing.

10,000,000 People

Today, despite Elizabeth's edict and despite the enthusiastic subsequent support of her wishes by one Adolf Hitler, it is estimated (for want of an actual census) that London's population numbers more than ten millions and is still growing strong and increasing by thousands every month.

So what is to be done? Here is a city into which more than 10,000,000 of the total population (guess it at an outside of 46,000,000) of England, Scotland and Wales are crowded, and whose housing accommodation was heavily reduced during the war years by the destruction or damage 800,000 houses, of which destruction and damage not all, not even nearly all has been restored for years to come.

In spite of such conditions, known or knowable to all the country, there is a steady and

continuous trend towards London from the Provinces. At bottom, apart from the present effect of the unsettled conditions of today, two legends may be responsible: "The streets of London are paved with gold"; "O, lights of London Town—what fortunes lie within you—oh lights of London Town!"

The authorities are perturbed. What is to become of these people? Where can they be housed? Can London soon absorb them in industry? Even in this day of shortage of labour it seems doubtful. In the latest resort it may be that the only remedy, until the times alter, will be wholesale transference of great numbers of people from London to the more industrial areas of the Midlands and the North.

Material difficulties would be enormous but even assuming it to be a practicable and effective move it would probably be so strenuously resisted if used on a large scale that the last state of things might well be worse than the first.

Vagrancy

Yet, unless the additional and increasing population can be absorbed reasonably quickly it looks certain that a great number of even the best of its units—to say nothing of the weaker elements—must gradually but inevitably sink into a state of vagrancy.

It is a long time since vagrancy became common in this country. The word itself was used officially 400 years ago in 1547. About that time, because of a general relocation of the life of the country, it was reported that such a horde of beggars (vagrants) was approaching London that that Corporation was appraised of it and beadies were appointed to watch for them.

In the 18th century Blackstone, the famous lawyer referred to these people as "Such as wake on the night and sleep on the day and haunt customary taverns and alehouses and routabout and no man not from whence they come no whither they go."

The wordless vagrant is not, essentially, a beggar but may easily become one.

It was such pilgrimages of swarms of homeless unemployed vagrants looking for places to lay their heads and for work to do in an already over-crowded city which gave rise to that such a topical and by no means pointless nursery jingle which (perhaps aptly) has survived for centuries:

"The beggars are coming to London Town!"

Anzio Feat Recalled

Grimsby, Jan. 22.

Miss Sheila Margaret Greaves, daughter of the Bishop of Grimsby, Dr. A. J. Greaves, who was awarded the George Medal for her work among the wounded at Anzio, Italy, in 1944 is to marry Major Humphrey F. W. Fox, Royal Artillery, of Nutley, Sussex.

Their engagement was announced today.

As a nursing sister in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Miss Greaves was at the casualty clearing station and reception camp at Anzio when enemy aircraft machinegunned and bombed the area. When the hit the reception camp tents 200 yards away she raced to the spot despite a second wave of attackers, and tended the wounded.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY.

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

SWAP NETS 2 FOR 1

You'd swap one trick for two any old time, wouldn't you? That's the principle that can in rare circumstances cause you to lead away from a guarded honour, or even that honour itself, though you can see that so doing will definitely doom a trick it otherwise would take. Such a situation can exist when you lead hammers a re-entry out of the declarer's hand or the dummy prematurely, or when it reduces by two the number of tricks the declarer can score by ruffing with the dummy's trumps.

B. A. 3
H. Q. 7 5 4 3
D. 10 9 7 5
C. 6 5

S. 8 4
H. K. 10 9
D. 5 6 4 3
C. Q 9 8

S. Q. J 9 7 6 5 2
H. None
D. Q 2
C. K 10 7 2

(Dealer: East, North-South vulnerable)

East South West North
2 NT 3 5 Pass Pass

That must have been the correct bidding, as it went exactly that way at all three tables of a "little individual solitaire game." The early play must have been correct too since in every case the diamond 3 was led to the K, then the two minor suits were cashed. At two of the tables, East then laid down the heart A, which South ruffed with the spade 4, the club K was scored, club 7 if West opens with 4-Diamonds?

ruffed by the spade 3, the heart 4 by the spade 5, the club 10 by the spade A, the heart 5 by the spade 6 and the spade Q led to the K. Now South had only spades left, so made his contract.

At the third table, East made a different move after the first three tricks in the minors. He decided after the club A lead to the third trick that South could well have four clubs and wish to ruff two of them; that if South had any heart at all the defense could not be deprived of its trick with the A. So there could be little chance of loss by sacrificing the certain trick available with the spade K. He therefore led the spade 10, which South won with the J. Now the only way South could ruff a single club trick would be with the A. That would set up East's K for a trick and also leave South in a losing club, setting the contract. It worked out just as East foreseen. Would you have foreseen that play, and made it?

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 7 6
H. K. Q 3
D. A 10 5 3
C. K 9 7 6

S. 10 3
H. 10 6 4
D. K. Q J 9
C. 2 7 6

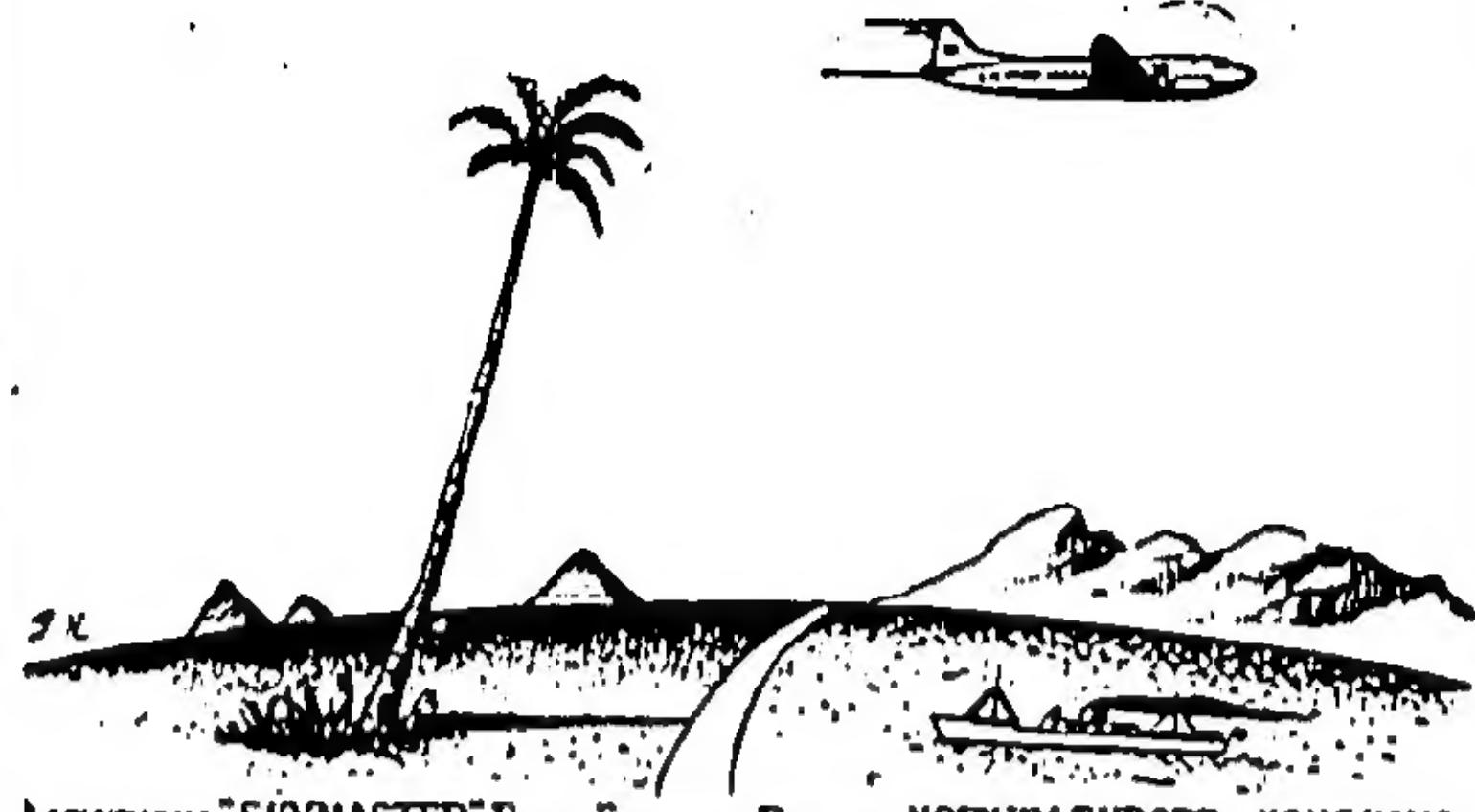
S. K. 8 5
H. 7 5 3
D. 4 2
C. A J 10 8 5

(Dealer: West, Neither side vulnerable)

What should ensue on this deal? If West opens with 4-Diamonds?

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BY ORDER,

S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

UNITED STATES OF EUROPE LOOMS IN NEW BEVIN PLAN Cooperation Of Western Seaboard Countries Blunt Comment On Russian Expansionism

London, Jan. 22.

Talks on a union of Western Europe have already begun. The countries immediately concerned are Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Announcing this in the House of Commons tonight, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, urged that the overseas territories of these countries should be brought within this union so that "this tremendous cooperation would stretch through Europe, the Middle East and Africa to the Far East."

Italy and "other historic European countries" would have to be associated, he declared.

Before making this important disclosure, Mr. Bevin, warning Russia that it is dangerous to international affairs to play with fire, had said: "Nothing the Government does now will be directed against the Soviet Union or any other country, but we are entitled to organise kindred souls in the West just as they have organised kindred souls in the East."

"I hope," he said, "that treaties will be signed with our near neighbours, the Benelux countries, making with France an important nucleus in Western Europe."

Turning to organisation in support of the Western Union, Mr. Bevin said: "I would emphasise that I am not concerned only with Europe as a geographical conception. Europe has extended its influence throughout the world and we have to look further afield."

"In the first place, we turn our eyes to Africa, where great responsibilities are shared by us with South Africa, France, Belgium and Portugal, and equally to all overseas territories, especially in South East Asia, with which the Dutch are closely concerned."

"The Western organisation of Europe must be economically supported. That involves the closest collaboration with the 'Commonwealth and overseas territories' of not only the British but the French, Dutch, Belgian and Portuguese territories overseas."

"These territories are large primary producers and are capable of great development. They have raw materials, food and resources which can be turned to very great mutual advantage, both to the people in the territory itself to Europe, and to the world as a whole."

No Need For Conflict
The Foreign Secretary said there was no need for conflict in this matter with the other two great powers, the United States and Soviet Russia, which have tremendous resources.

"It is essential," he said, "if Western Europe is going to meet its balance of payments and to get a world equilibrium, that these resources should be developed and made available, and the exchange carried out between them in a correct and proper manner."

Mr. Bevin, who was opening a two-day debate on foreign affairs, had begun by saying that he realised that decisions taken now would be vital to the future peace of the world. Speaking of Russian expansion since the war, he said the British Government had looked upon the solution of Poland as reached at Yalta, as a "sensible compromise between conflicting elements", but there was no doubt that it had "revealed a policy on the part of the Soviet Union to use every means in their power to get Communist control in Eastern Europe and, as it now appears, in the West as well."

Matters Little
He went on: "It therefore matters little how we temporise and maybe appease or try to make arrangements. It has been quite clear, I think, that the Communist process goes ruthlessly on in each country."

"We have seen the game played out in Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, and, more recently, in Rumania. From information in our possession, other attempts may be made elsewhere."

"This issue is not simply the organisation of Poland or any other country, but the control of Eastern Europe by Soviet Russia, whose frontiers therefore have, in fact, been advanced, to Stettin, Trieste, and the Elbe."

"The time has come to find ways and means to develop our relations with the Benelux countries. We are in high talks with these countries in close concord with our French allies. Yesterday, our representatives in Brussels, The Hague and Luxembourg were instructed to propose such talks in consultation with their French colleagues."

"In no case would there be an exclusive effort, but done with the object of making the whole world richer and safer," he declared, in dealing with the development of overseas territories.

Not Satisfied
Referring to Russian expansion, he added: "For the evidence is that Soviet Russia is not satisfied with this tremendous expansion."

"In Greece, it had been assumed that the United States and Britain would get tired and the so-called

Government of Communist rebels could be recognised later without danger. Then a Communist Government would be forced upon Greece and she would be incorporated in the Soviet system of Communism with the rest."

"It is not a question of what sort of elected Government you have in Greece but a ruthless attempt, constantly maintained, to bring that country into the Soviet orbit."

"This is a dangerous situation. It is a case of power politics."

"The United Nations have been flouted by the Balkan neighbours of Greece. There is a very real danger that they and their Soviet mentors may make a great blunder in this business."

"I would advise, in all solemnity, great care. Provocations like that lead sometimes to serious developments which we, and I hope they, are anxious to avoid."

"It would be better to settle this matter in accordance with the Assembly decisions of the United Nations than by the promotion of a civil war or in any recognition of the Markos Junta."

"If we accept the Assembly decision in other matters, we should accept it in the case of Greece."

"I say no more except this—that it is dangerous in international affairs to play with fire." (Applause)

War Of Nerves
Referring to the war of nerves and pressure brought upon weaker nations, the Foreign Secretary said that attempts to settle international affairs by these methods made agreement difficult, if not impossible. Propaganda was not a contribution to the settlement of international problems.

On Egypt, Mr. Bevin said he wanted to get away from "this atmosphere of past differences" and was not without hope of being able to do so soon. "We may take a little time," he added.

"All these steps, both in the Middle East and in Western Europe, are in keeping with the United Nations. When the ideological quarrel between the four powers is settled, and it will be sooner or later, and provided the will to peace takes its place, all these things will fit into a world pattern. They are all designed on this regional basis to fit in with the Charter in the end."

On Germany, Mr. Bevin said the British Government had always considered that dismemberment would eventually start an irremediable movement, causing a resurgence, not of a peaceful, but of a vengeful country.

Under The Surface
There was the agreement at Potsdam to set up a Central Agency leading to the evolution of a new German State on a new basis. But the Soviet Government started hurling accusations at the Western Allies instead of trying to evolve a common policy.

The Marshall programme had brought to light vividly what must have been under the surface all the time.

Mr. Bevin said: "No one disputes the idea of European unity. That is not possible. The issue is, if European unity is achieved, can it be done without the domination of one power?"

"The world will realise that if a policy is pursued of trying to dominate Europe by any one power by whatever means, direct or indirect, you are driven to the conclusion that it will inevitably lead again to another world war."

"I hope that the idea will be discarded by all of us."

He said that it was British policy to give the smaller powers a chance to evolve under the umbrella of the "Big Four" without fear of conflict, but added: "We could not agree to four-power cooperation while one of those four powers proceeded to impose its political and economic system on the smaller states."

Unpalatable
Replying to questions by Communist members, Mr. Bevin said: "In Paris Mr. Molotov threatened both ourselves and France that we would have to look out for ourselves if we went on with the European recovery plan."

"My reply was that Great Britain had been accustomed to threats and we would face them."

Later referring to the strikes in France, Mr. Bevin added: "We have information of almost precise dates when these troubles are going to take place and when these aspects are likely to occur."

"This is rather unpalatable for me to have to do but the world will never get right unless they see the thing in all its nakedness."

The formation of a united Western Europe would have to be done one step at a time because they were dealing with free nations.

"It must be on terms of equality and must contain all the elements of freedom."

"If the present division of Europe continues, it will be by the will of the Soviet Government. Such a division would be inconsistent with the statements of the highest Soviet authorities and of Marshal Stalin himself."

Mr. Eden

Mr. Anthony Eden, for the Conservatives, declared that the policy the Foreign Secretary had outlined offered the best hope of restoring European political stability and thus providing a basis for ensuring peace.

"Mr. Bevin's proposals are constructive and a menace to no one, while showing in unmistakable terms for our own determination to maintain our own way of life and to join with like minded people for that purpose."

"There were two very serious immediate threats to peace, Mr. Eden continued.

The first was the violence of Communist propaganda and action in countries like Greece, which might set Europe alight.

The second was that the Western democracies might fail to rebuild

Women Prefer Cigarettes

Birmingham, Jan. 22.
Women prisoners in Birmingham Gaol are passing up their recently granted privilege of buying make-up. A prison report said recently that 93 of every 100 women prisoners preferred to spend their pocket money on cigarettes, instead.—United Press.

prosperity even with the aid of the Marshall Plan.

Mr. Zilliacus, the Leftwing Labour Member, feared the organisation of Western Europe on the basis of the Marshall Plan was part of a wider policy of a return to power politics.

Power Politics

He asked the Government to consider inviting the Scandinavian countries, the Benelux Union and France to send delegates elected by proportional representation to meet similarly elected delegates in Britain to discuss this projected union.

He did not suggest that Britain should reject the Marshall Plan, but feared that it would be a disastrous failure unless accompanied by a different attitude to the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries.

Mr. John L. Lawson, former Labour Secretary for War, hoped people abroad realised that Mr. Zilliacus spoke only for an insignificant number of people in this country.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Independent, urged the need to incorporate Western Germany in the new Western European union. No patriotic German, he said, wanted a puppet state.—Reuter.

New Orientation Of British Policy

Washington, Jan. 22.
Mr. Bevin's speech was interpreted in Washington as involving a new orientation of British foreign policy of the first magnitude, bringing it into line with the Truman Doctrine of "containing" any Soviet attempts to dominate Europe.

Mr. Bevin's language, it was noted, was in fact stronger and blunter even than that used by American statesmen in the early days of the Truman Doctrine and the bitter exchanges which preceded the American decision to send aid to Greece and Turkey.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the leading Republican foreign affairs authority and the United States delegate to the United Nations, hailed significant and forecast that it would "greatly encourage" Congress in its work on the Marshall Plan.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Republican Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called Mr. Bevin's statement "a terrific speech."

He described Mr. Bevin's references to the linking of the Benelux countries with Britain and France as "one of the most hopeful things I have heard from Europe."

Mr. Christian Herter, the Republican foreign relief expert in the House of Representatives, said: "I think the United States aid programmes will benefit from this dramatic indication of the willingness of European countries to cooperate among themselves."

Mr. Bevin's appeal for an important nucleus in Western Europe could not have come at a better time in American opinion.

Baruch Proposal
Similar proposals by Mr. Dulles and Mr. Baruch are being widely discussed in Congressional and diplomatic circles here in Washington.

Mr. Baruch's proposal appears, however, to be further than Mr. Bevin's and involved an actual political, economic and defence union, guaranteed by the United States.

Mr. Walter Lippman, the "New York Herald Tribune" columnist, today strongly opposed the Western European pact as it would tend to divide Europe rather than strengthen it.

He argued that certain countries, such as Norway, Denmark, France and Italy would not be in a strong enough position to go to the defence of any other of the 16 Marshall Plan nations if attacked and most of them would therefore refuse to sign such a pact.

French Caution
Mr. Bevin's policy statement was seen in Paris tonight as a sign of a coordinated Anglo-American diplomatic campaign.

The British Foreign Minister's speech was presumed to have been made after consultations with the United States Government.

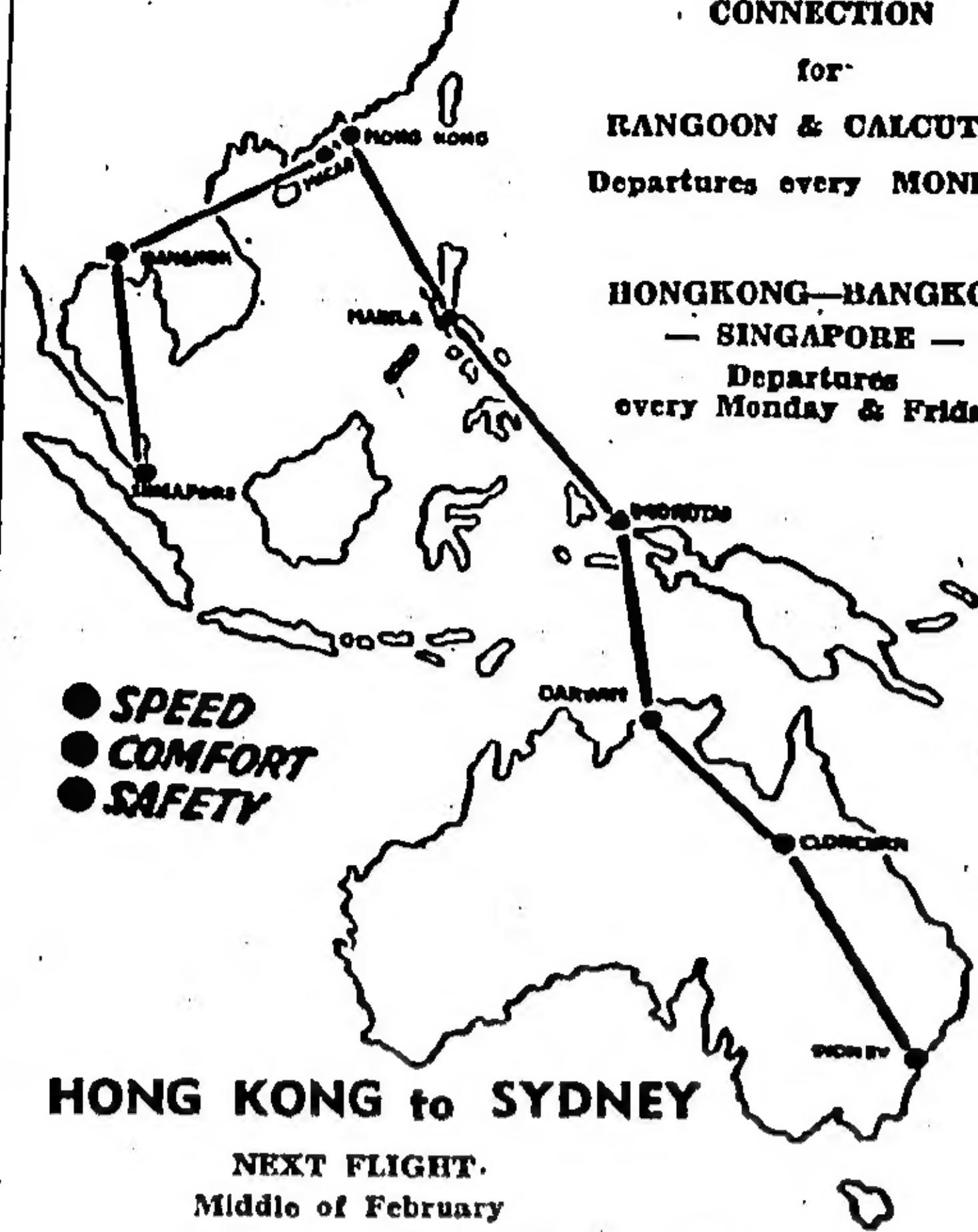
It was seen in responsible Paris political and press circles as a warning to Soviet Russia that the Western Allies did not propose to allow the development of a one-sided influence over Europe with the aid of an organised and coordinated effort to maintain the balance.

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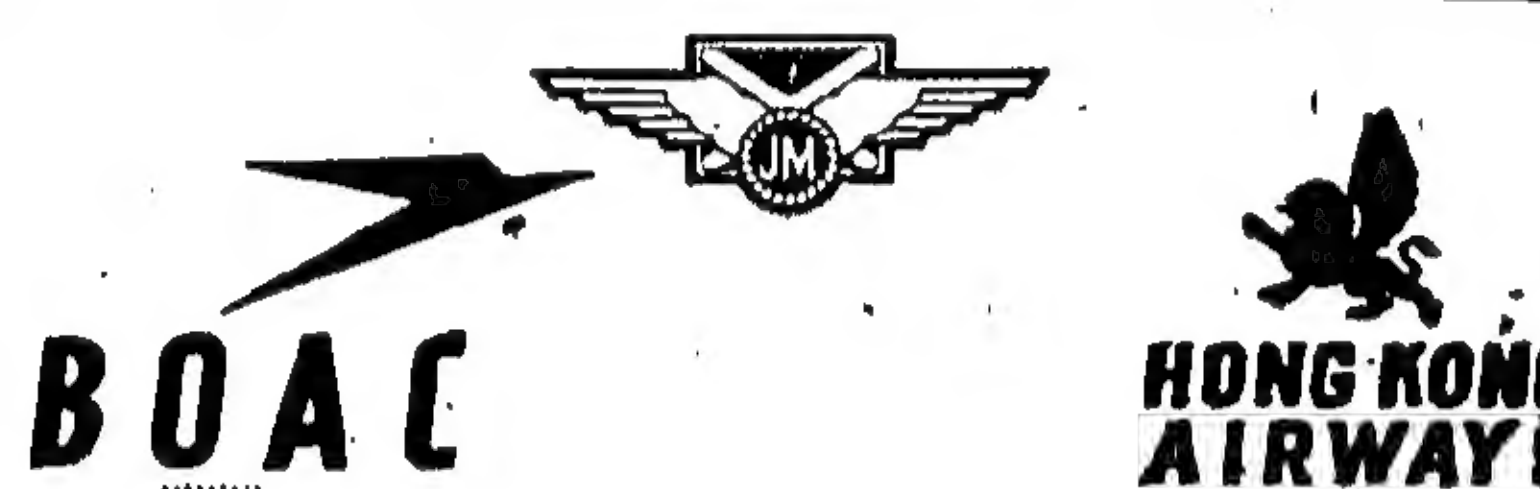


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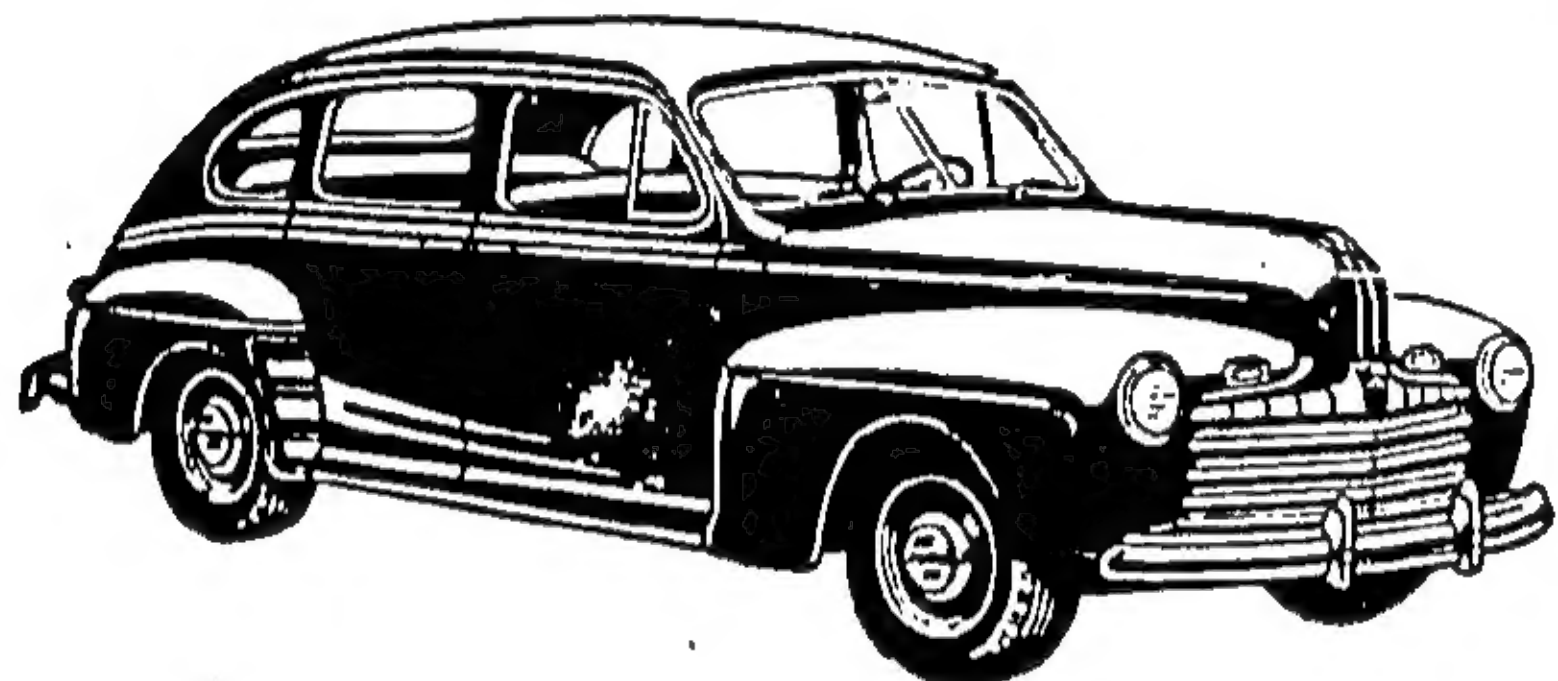
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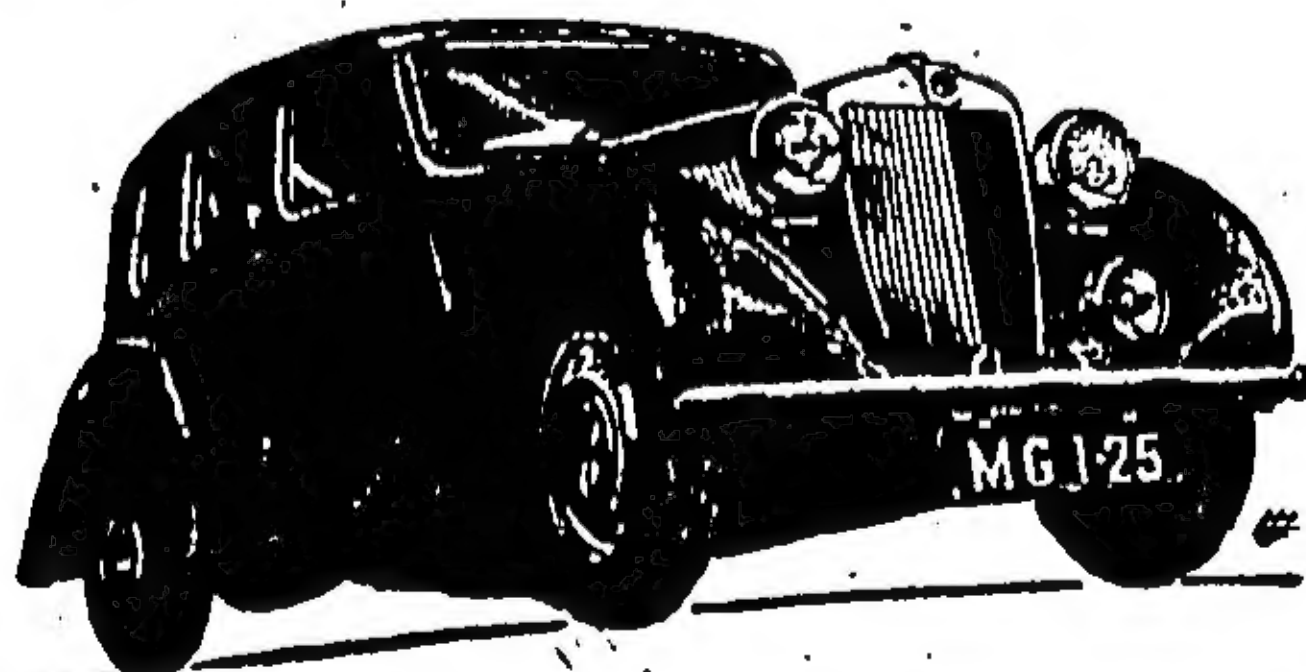
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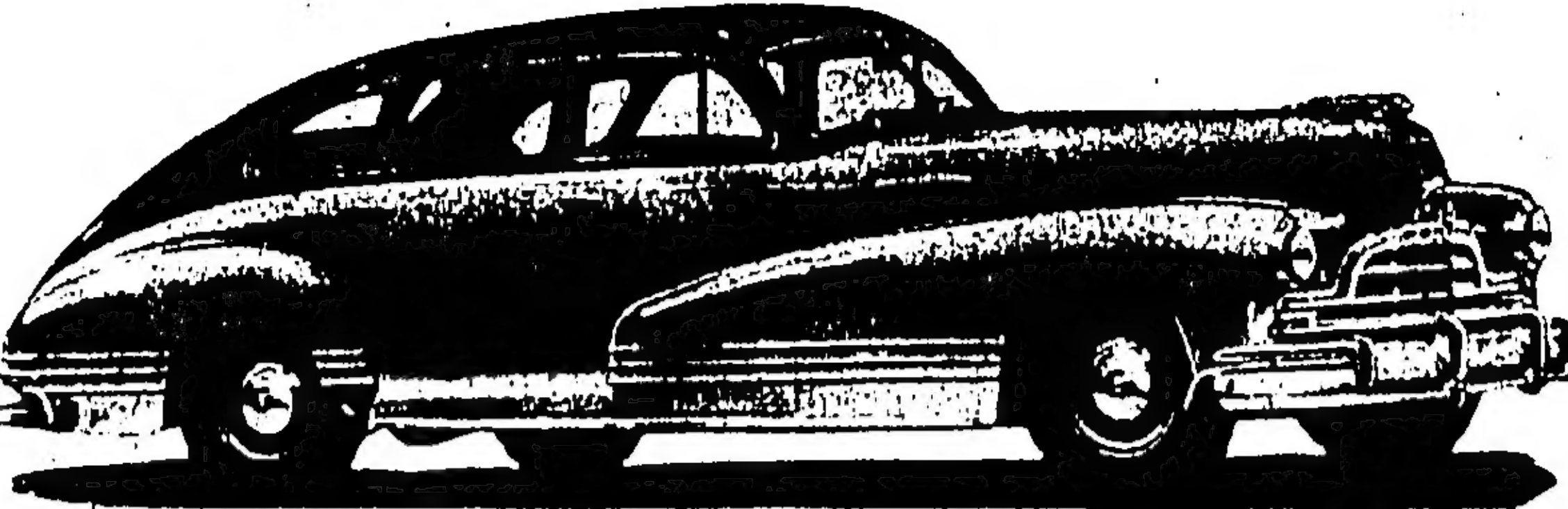
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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS

Pontiac Streamliner



The Pontiac 28 "Streamliner" 8-cylinder model is the first of the post-war American cars to be given a thorough road-test by the "China Mail". It was almost inevitable therefore, that throughout the run one tended to make comparisons with its lighter European cousins. This was really fair to neither, of course, as each has been made with somewhat different ends in view.

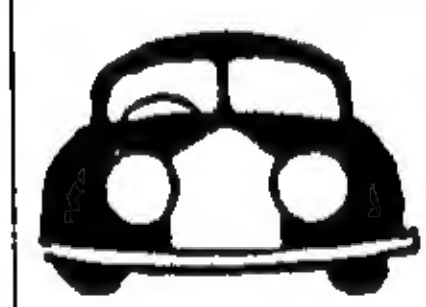
The first impression, naturally, was one of size. The Americans put much larger and roomier bodies on their cars for a very little increase in wheelbase. The Pontiac is quite a big car even for an American 8-cylinder, and it seems enormous after the British 10 and 12 h.p. models. The front bench seat will accommodate three comfortably, for instance, and the back four with a slight squeeze.

Ahead of the V-windscreen is a large, gleaming bumper (hood) which spreads out almost at once to the maximum width of the engine compartment. The model tested was fitted with left-hand drive and it was impossible to see the outside wings (fenders) or, indeed, more than an inch or two beyond the centre-line of the bumper.

A good view of the near-side wing is provided, however, and, curiously enough, no difficulty with the off-side "blind spot" was experienced. It might be useful to have one of those wing indicator gadgets fitted if the car is to be manoeuvred a lot in congested quarters, but otherwise the experienced driver should find no difficulty in gauging the width of his vehicle.

Incidentally, there's a lot to be said for left-hand drive on the winding hill-roads of this Colony. For one thing, it removes the temptation to encroach on the wrong side of the road on corners. The antithesis of road-hugging is to be seen when two left-hand-drive cars approach each other—there's never any edging over the centre-line of the road!

Radio



The other initial impression is, not unnaturally, provided by what the Americans call the instrument panel. and the British dashboard (old) or fascia (new). There is certainly more chromium plate than to be found on the European counterpart and "Fortune" Magazine's quip about sitting before a Wurlitzer organ springs irresistibly to mind. This impression was enhanced during the test when the built-in radio—extremely powerful and of excellent tone—was switched on and a snappy bit of accordion playing was wafted on the air!

Seriously, though, the Pontiac fascia is by no means garish and the colour combination is quite attractive. As this was the de luxe model, it was fitted with the special steering wheel, with T-shaped spokes; the aforementioned radio, a large clock; and Pontiac's "Ventil-Heat" heater, complete with its own control panel. This is thermostatically controlled and provides fresh air and heat at the temperature desired.

The speedometer, incidentally, is calibrated in kilometres and touches the 150 mark (93½ miles an hour). It is extremely doubtful if the average driver will get more than a little over half-way up the dial, and it would be interesting to speculate on whether or not the higher readings (in figures, that is) provided by a k.p.h.-calibrated speedometer contribute to lessening a tendency to speed.

After all, 64 kilometres an hour "feels" a great deal faster than its equivalent of 40 miles an hour!

Performance

Performance is all that is to be expected of a 103 brake horse-power 8-cylinder engine. Unless the car is brought to an almost dead stop, the average driver could leave it in top and forget about the intermediate gear-ratios. From a crawl in top, it responds quickly to pressure on the accelerator pedal without a murmur, even on the low-grade petrol which is the local motorist's lot.

All normal driving, including passing, and all but the steepest hills can be taken at any speed in top, with the engine responding quickly to sudden calls on it for increased speed. But the driver who is not afraid of his gearbox and makes the smooth change down into second will find that he can pass a slow-moving bus or truck quickly and safely—and under conditions impossible to the driver with the lower-powered type of car.

Like all American cars, the Pontiac is fitted with a 3-speed synchromesh gearbox which is dead silent except for the faintest whine on first. The steering column gearshift falls easily to hand and changes up and down are smooth and easy, though of course slightly slower than in the case, say, with one of the popular British sports models.

Steering



Despite the size of the car, steering proved astonishingly light and even at low speeds. It is dead accurate and has a strong self-centring action. This is particularly noticeable over a roughish road surface; there is a certain amount of wheel-kick over "bumps" but this is only momentary and the car keeps to its line of travel without effort.

Road-holding is excellent and with a commendable absence of that body-sway on fast corners which seems a characteristic of American suspension systems, Pontiac seemed to have got over that trouble so often found with American cars—springs which ease out the bumps all right but tend to give the passengers an "over the bounding Main" feeling. This is accomplished by the use of Duflex rear springs which automatically compensate for light and heavy loads. Another contributing factor is the hydraulic shock absorbers, which also reduce body-sway.

The hydraulic brakes are powerful, and require little pressure on the pedal. They can be stamped on hard without fear of locking the wheels or wheel-tug. The handbrake, operated by the now familiar pistol-grip under the fascia, operates on the rear wheels only. More in the nature of a parking brake than anything else, it will hold the car firmly on the steepest hill (though the wise driver will also leave his car in gear).

Comfort



On thing that American cars excel in is "passenger comfort." This not only applies to the rear seat passengers but also to the driver, who will find that all controls fall neatly to hand, all instruments are clearly visible, and that a small arm-rest has been provided just where it is wanted.

Also to his liking will be the non-glare rear view mirror, which gives an effective view of the road behind. On the model tested, it seemed to require over-frequent adjustment, but this was probably something the garage could clear up in a jiffy. An outside rear-view mirror is an optional extra, as well as a luggage compartment light and another light for spotting trouble at night in the engine compartment.

This quite apart from a spot-light and a back-up light, which is such a useful attachment that it is a pity manufacturers do not consider it as essential a fixture as headlights and incorporate it as standard.

To sum up, in the Pontiac, which is in the medium range of car prices, the motorist will find most of the features of the high-price bracket marques. It is a car which can be driven fast and safely, or quietly and smoothly at a low speed. It would be difficult to beat it in its class for beauty, performance and comfort.

It comes in two engine-sizes, as reference to the "Data" panel on this page will show, 10 body styles and two series—the "Torpedo" and the "Streamliner."

Data

ENGINE:—6-cylinder side-valve engine developing 90 BHP, or 8-Cylinder side-valve developing 103 BHP; compression ratio, 6.5 (7.5 optional); counter-weighted crankshaft; chrome nickel alloy pistons; full pressure lubrication; permanent precipitation-type oil-cleaner; gusher valve cooling.

TRANSMISSION:—Synchromesh, semi-automatic gearbox; single-disc 9½-inch clutch; ball-release bearing; shift lever on steering column.

AXLES:—Front, link parallelogram-type, knee-action. Rear, semi-floating hypoid.

FUEL SYSTEM:—Mechanical fuel pump; air cleaner and silencer; automatic choke; 17-gallon tank; manifold heat control.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:—Delco-Remy, fully automatic controls; 15-plate Delco battery; current and voltage regulator.

SUSPENSION:—Front, suspension coil-type. Rear, "Duflex" variable rate leaf spring. Shock absorbers front and rear.

BRAKES:—Multi-sealed, Duo-Servo hydraulic; moulded linings; emergency brake works on rear wheels.

STEERING:—Link parallelogram control with worm and roller gear; 18-inch wheel, 19½ ratio.

DIMENSIONS:—(a) "Streamliner," 10 ft. 2 in. wheelbase, 17 ft. 6½ in. overall, (b) "Torpedo," 9 ft. 9 in. wheelbase, 17 ft. 0½ in. overall.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES:—Triangle Trading Co., Holland House.

Booming American Industry

When the United States automobile industry balances its books for 1947, it will find itself in better shape (from its own standpoint) than at any time in its near half-century of manufacture.

It will find that its total output, close to 5,000,000 units, was well above normal; that it did a parts-and-accessories business topping US\$2,000,000,000; and that a minimum of two years of capacity production will not overtake the demand for new cars.

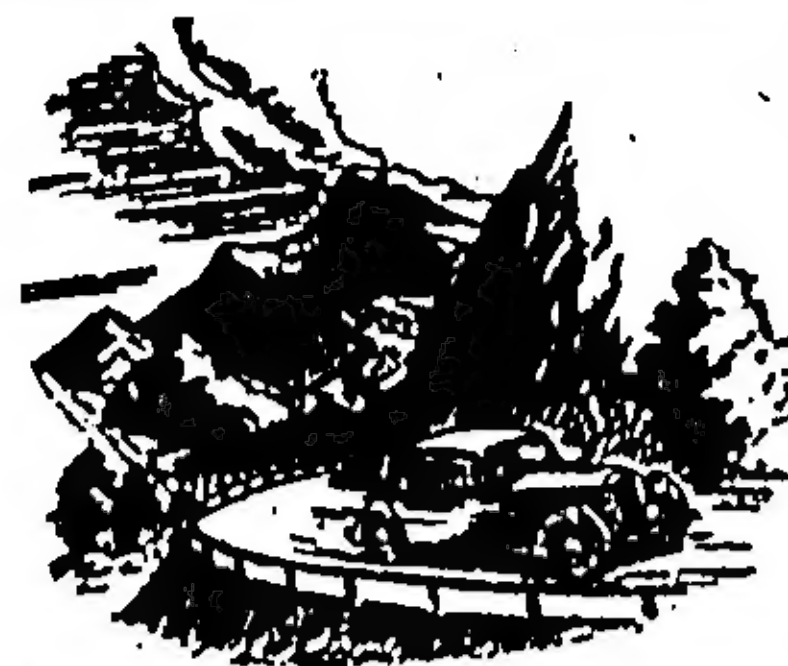
Although the aggregate output volume will be slightly under the record 1929 production of 5,358,000 units, the wholesale dollar volume and unfilled-order backlog will top anything since automobile making began, reports David Wilkie, of Associated Press.

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It is thought that impressive and highly individualistic body-work styles exemplified by some Italian exhibits, set new standards which will have to be years.

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Spot-News From The Factories At Home



FORD PILOT

An announced in this column last week, the Ford V-8 "Pilot" will now be available at home only with the 3.6-litre engine and not the 2½-litre. Ford announce, however, that the price will remain unchanged at £585 (plus £103¼ purchase tax) for the saloon with cloth upholstery. When equipped with leather upholstery the total price is £755 18s. 4d.

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Neither the Aston-Martin nor the Lagonda are yet on the market. Both marques have been taken over by the David Brown Tractors Group, of Huddersfield, and should soon be in production. The former will probably be a worthy successor to the famous pre-war 2-litre Aston, while the latter will be the long-awaited twin-cam 2.6-litre model.

THE MINX

The 1948 model Hillman Minx is now in production. One of Britain's favourite small cars, noted for its chunky performance, the Minx is an improved model on its great predecessors. Improvements include Synchromatic gear-change with shift on the steering column; Lockheed hydraulic two-leading-shoe brakes; and fresh styling both within and without. List prices at Home, with purchase tax in brackets, are:—Saloon, £385 (£407 13s. 11d.); Drophead coupe, £435 (£457 13s. 8d.); and Utility, £485 (£507 13s. 5d.).

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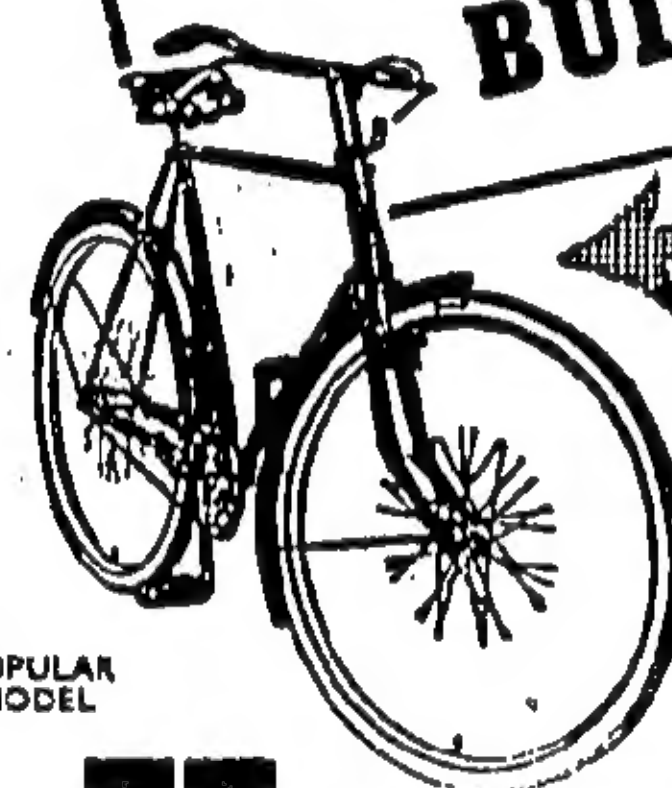
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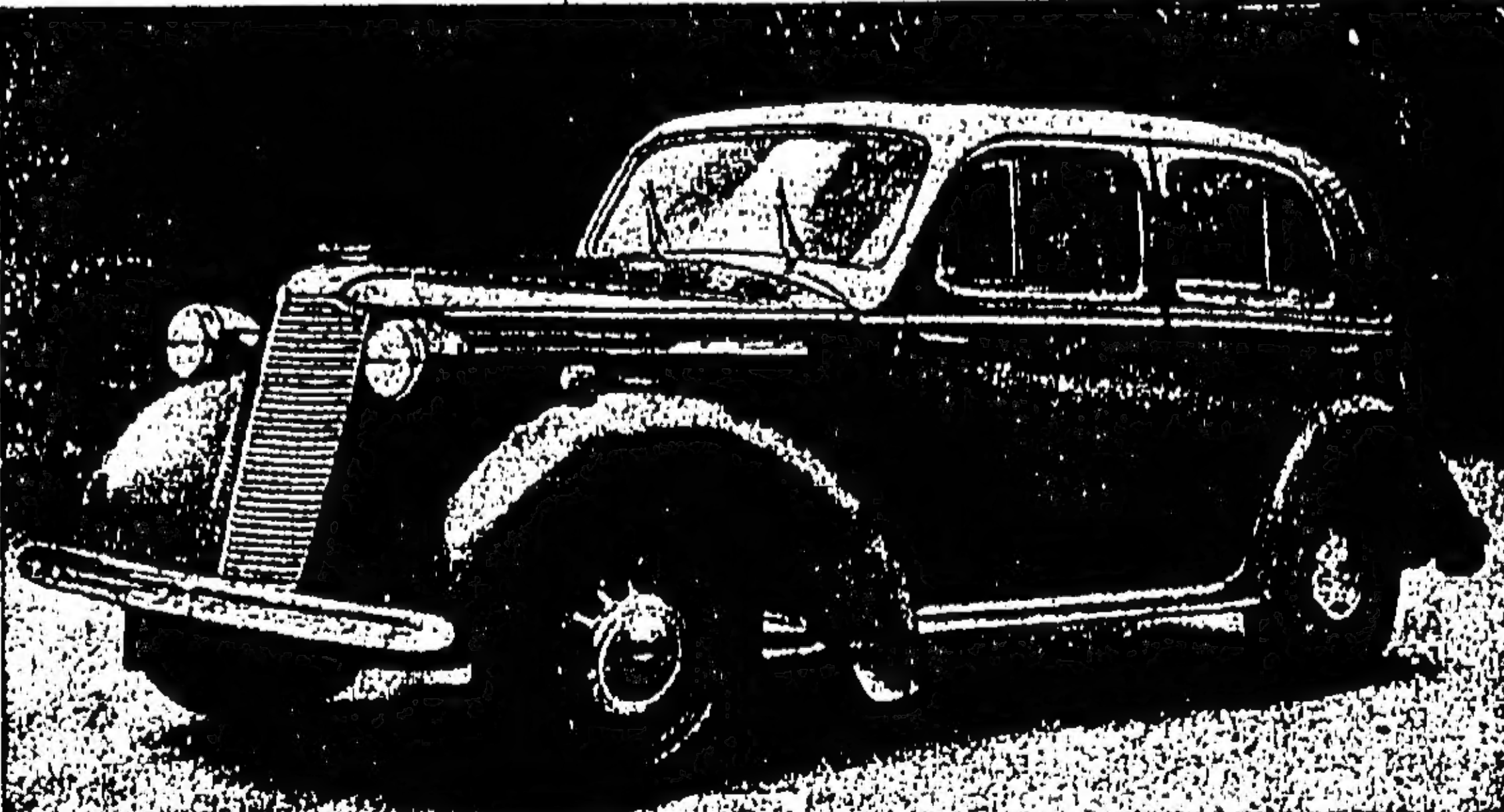
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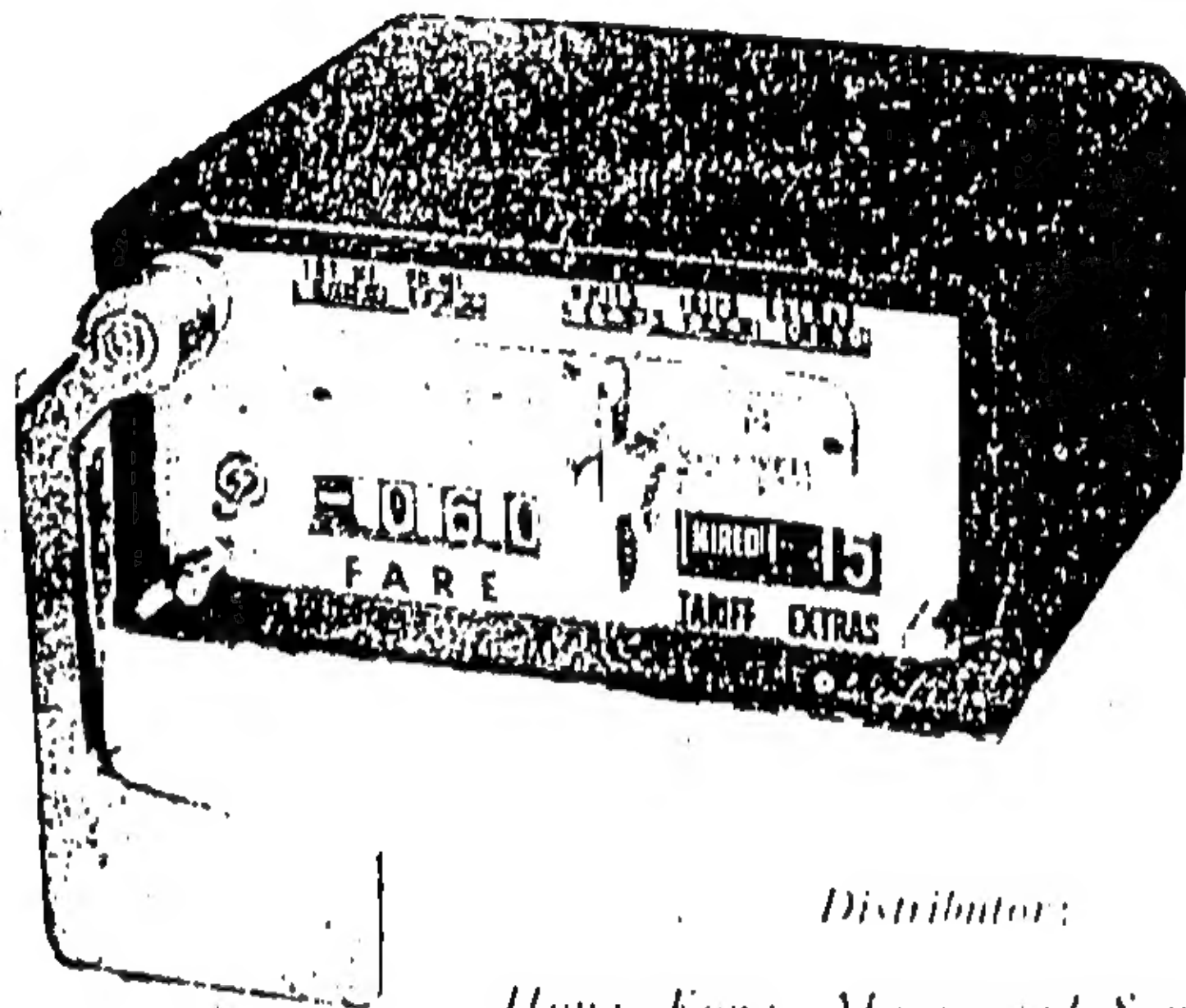
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IRAQ TREATY HITCH Surprise Announcement By The Regent London Receives News Calmly

Baghdad, Jan. 22.

The Prime Minister of Iraq, Sayed Salem Jabr, now on his way home from Britain, where he signed the new 20-year Anglo-Iraqi treaty, has been summoned to Baghdad immediately, it was reported shortly after last night's announcement that Iraq did not intend to ratify the pact.

A statement from the Royal Palace said a meeting, headed by the Regent, Emir Abdul Illah, and the Crown Prince, had decided that the treaty did not realise the national aims of Iraq.

The Iraqi Premier is expected home within three days.

"The Regent promised that as long as the treaty is not ratified by Parliament, there shall be no ratification of any treaty that does not realise the country's rights and national demands," the statement said.

Also present at the meeting were former Premiers, the President of Parliament, Senators, Elder statesmen and political leaders.

The Palace meeting came a few days after the demonstrations which had occurred in Baghdad against the treaty.

The treaty provides for close military and economic cooperation between the two countries in peace and war. It replaced the 1930 treaty and is for a period of 20 years with the right of re-negotiation after 15 years.

In London, the Royal announcement was received calmly in the Foreign Office in London last night.

Though officials were unwilling to comment on the development and expressed the view that there might be some misunderstanding, the basic influence on British opinion is the knowledge that if the revised treaty proves unacceptable in Baghdad, the old treaty of 1930 remains in force until 1952.

Consequently, it is still hoped that the explanation to be offered by the Iraqi treaty delegation when it reaches Baghdad may convince the critics that the revised pact is of mutual benefit.

At the same time, the constitutional position displayed by these latest developments is a curious one, since it was assumed in London, that the strong Iraqi delegation was in a position to speak with authority.

Had the treaty been wrecked by mass demonstrations, the plenipotentiary character of the Iraqi delegation would not have been called in question, but since its conclusions have been challenged by the Palace and by a group of Elder statesmen, some doubts have been aroused in London whether any elected government

of Iraq would, in fact, be in a position to give a binding commitment.

It is well known that the draft text of the revised treaty was conveyed to the Iraqi Regent, Abdul Illah, before the news that the negotiations were successfully concluded was released by the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

China Trade Figures

Nanking, Jan. 23.

China's exports for the month of November showed a gain of almost 200 per cent in dollar (Chinese) value over October, according to the Chinese Maritime Customs figures which also revealed a drop of imports for the first time in 1947.

November exports totalled more than CN\$1,500,000 millions compared with the October figure of CN\$530,000 millions.

Imports for the same period were slightly more than CN\$1,500,000 millions in November compared with CN\$746,000 millions in October.

The main importer of China products continued to be the United States, which imported CN\$400,000 millions worth. The next biggest were Hong Kong with CN\$335,000 millions and India with CN\$299,000 millions.

The United States continued in November to be the best seller to China. Chinese imports from United States in November were valued at CN\$786,000 millions followed by import from India valued at CN\$229,000 millions and from Britain CN\$123,000 millions.—United Press.

Income Tax Cut Proposal

Washington, Jan. 22.

Senator Robert A. Taft said he would favour the \$5,600,000,000 Knutson income tax cut bill if Government finances "will support it."

Taft and most Senate leaders withheld any rigid tax commitment, however, until they get a better idea of how much the Government will spend in the next fiscal year.

The entire question of Government spending for the 1949 fiscal year is up for study as 102-member joint legislative committee met to start overhauling President Truman's \$39,668,000,000 budget proposal.

Chairman John Taber of the House Appropriations Committee demanded a budget slash of up to \$5,000,000,000, and said this would enable Congress to approve the Knutson bill and still pare \$4,800,000,000 off the national debt.—United Press.

China's Foreign Policy

Shanghai, Jan. 23.

Dr. Tu Yung-ton, China's first Ambassador to Burma, revealed here last night that President Chiang Kai-shek had told him the key points of China's foreign policy towards neighbouring countries were the promotion of friendly relations and the extension of assistance to enable them to attain freedom and independence.

The Chinese Ambassador declared that his immediate problems after taking up his post in Rangoon were the elevation of the Chinese educational standard in Burma and the fostering of commercial and social cooperation between the peoples of Burma and China.—Reuter.

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In Washington

Washington, Jan. 22.
Members of the Chinese mission, headed by Pei
Tsu-yi, were entertained today by the As-
sistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs
(Mr. Willard Thorpe).

The Chinese officials have
also had two business discus-
sions with Americans, "on lower
technical levels."

American sources said no
meeting had yet been planned
between the Chinese representa-
tives and the Secretary of State.

Chinese sources said they had
not yet been invited to submit
any definite plans of their own
and discussions so far had con-
sisted of their answering tech-
nical questions.

Asked whether the Americans
were showing reluctance to en-
tertain Chinese ideas, the reply
was, "Well, of course everyone
has different ideas about every-
thing."

Meanwhile, the former Secre-
tary of War (Mr. Robert Pat-
ton) told the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee that he
had "no doubt" the United
States Government intended to
advance a plan for aid to
China and other parts of the
world, but that he did not feel
it should be made part of the
Marshall Plan at present under
consideration.

"I believe this programme
should be geographically limit-
ed," said Mr. Patterson. "I
know Congress will be concern-
ed, and properly so, with econ-
omic problems in other parts of
the world. But recovery of
Europe is sufficient responsibil-
ity for any one agency. We
recommended therefore, that aid
for other areas be handled in
separate legislation that can
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SOVIET BATTENS
ON TROUBLE

Washington, Jan. 22.
General Lucius D. Clay, Ameri-
can military commander in Ger-
many, said today that the Com-
munist are using the acute food
situation as an excuse to foment
disorder.

Gen. Clay said he would recom-
mend Congress to appropriate
more money for increased food
shipments and recommend an in-
crease of rations.—United Press.

H.K. Stock
Exchange

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange
closed today with a restricted
range of trading. There was a
slight rise in the market, but
the market was not very active.
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London
Stock
Exchange

London, Jan. 22.
The terms of the new Commonwealth
of Australia Conversion Loan, namely
100% at 5 1/2%, with maturity dates of
1960/65, caused the alloted market to
move easier with both Consol and
Treasury 2 1/2% three-quarters lower, both
at 80. Transport 8 1/2% at 97 1/2%.

Elsewhere the market spent a rather
gloomy day with irregular movements
among industrial and this section was
without outstanding features.

Operators are appearing to wait for
the Chancellor of the Exchequer's broad-
cast tomorrow night. Oil shares were
somewhat irregular with Anglo-Italian,
dull, following news of a hitch in the
Anglo-Italian treaty, being 8 1/2% to 9 1/2%.

Shell new and old shares closed steady
after resuming initial losses.

Among minors, Kaffir opened easier
with some stock offered by Johannes-
burg but local support made for recovery
with final prices occasionally above the
previous closing levels.

Argentine issues were dull, following
rumours of political differences in Buenos
Aires but there was no great selling.

SECURITIES:
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LAST DAY OF RACES Champions Today's Big Event

The 1948 Annual Racing Carnival under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be brought to a conclusion this afternoon.

There are 11 events on the program, the most important of which is the Champion Stakes, confined to Australian Ponies, Winners and Place Ponies at Race Meetings since Sept. 1, 1947.

The first Saddington Bell will be rung at 11:30 a.m. with the first race starting at 12:00 noon sharp.

It is hoped that the weather will be fine and with the track still on the level side there is every reason to anticipate that the various events will be keenly contested.

First Race

Hay and Corn Stakes (First Section)—Half a Mile.

The program opens with a sprint race for Australian Subscripts of 1947. Weight 14 lb. The winners, barred, judging from performance during the first day of the Carnival, I think the race should be decided between the following: Kentucky Moon (Mr. S.W. Tang), Sunnyside (Mr. T.S. Leung), and Queen of Hearts (Mr. V.V. Needham). In the Wongsheehong Stakes (Second Section) over this distance, the first day of the Carnival, Kentucky Moon came second and will naturally command strong support. Queen of Hearts was third and should not be disregarded as this pony had home over this distance. Sunnyside, second in the Valley Stakes (First Section), may find the distance a bit too short for its liking, but I cannot see it winning. I think it will be a close race, and a win here would not be surprising.

Second Race

Consolation Stakes (First Section)—One and a Half Miles.

In this race for the second batch of 1947 Subscripts, the likely winner should come from one of the following: Prince Delight (Mr. Needham), B.K. Shih (Mr. Hodgman), B.K. Shih (Mr. Tung), and Autumn Leaf (Mr. Tung). Prince Delight, judging from its run in the Trial Plate, should have no difficulty in the race. Beckenhelm is the only danger otherwise. I cannot see anything to touch it. B.K. Shih cannot expect to do better than third place, and Autumn Leaf is good as an outsider.

Third Race

Hong Kong Handicap—One and a Half Miles.

This event is confined to "B" Class Australian Ponies. After its win in the P. & O. Cup over the Champion Derby winner, Alamo (Mr. B. Scott), has been penalized by 15 lbs. Good as Fifth Alarm is, and in spite of the fact that it is in tip-top condition, I doubt it can win over this distance with 15 lbs. penalty, but it will probably be placed. Peggy will again be ridden by Mr. Tang, with 15 lbs. to carry, and in view of the longer distance I think it ought to win. Rose Ennie (Mr. Ostroumoff) is, of course, the danger, and I expect to see it fighting out the finish. Sunlight (Mr. Miller) also in the race, may provide an upset.

Fourth Race

Also Run Stakes (First Section)—Six Furlongs.

In this race, Pearl Diver (Mr. K.F. Chiu) will have an opportunity to score a win after its performance in the Chater Cup when it came in second to Blue Ribbon on the second day of the Carnival. There is Blue Sky (Mr. Kwok) to be considered and if given a runaway start, will give Pearl Diver a good run for the first position. Harvard (Mr. Shieh) and Amigo (Mr. Tang) should fight out the third place.

Fifth Race

Hay and Corn Stakes (Second Section)—Half a Mile.

This is another sprint event in which Rifle (Mr. K.F. Chiu) should be prominent at the finish. In view of the opposition, it should not be fully extended, except perhaps by Constant Star (Mr. Needham). Domino (Mr. Ostroumoff) should be placed and Windermere (Mr. Yuen) may be worth following as an outsider.

Sixth Race

Champion Stakes—One and a Quarter Miles.

This is the main event of the day, but it will be robbed of a good deal of interest due to the 1948 Hong Kong Derby winner, Alamo, will not appear. Understandably, because its stable connections are reserving it for the eighth race, the Pearce Memorial Cup, in order to win the cup for its inception for the sake of Mr. N. Tukukin, trainer of Alamo, who was an old trainer of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

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Selections For Today

(By "Rapier")

Race No. 1.
KENTUCKY MOON
SAPIENTIA
TRIFOLI
Outsider: Queen of Hearts.

Race No. 2.
PRINCE DELIGHT
BECKENHELM
BIG SHOT
Outsider: Autumn Leaf.

Race No. 3.
PEGGY
ROSE ENNIE
FIFTH ALARM
Outsider: Sunlight.

Race No. 4.
PEARL DIVER
BLUE SKY
HARVARD
Outsider: Amigo.

Race No. 5.
RIFLE
CONSTANT STAR
DOMINO
Outsider: Windermere.

Race No. 6.
NORSE QUEEN
DAISY BELL
SHANNON
Outsider: Snakunpots.

Race No. 7.
ANYWAY
DESERT KNIGHT
ARCTIC
Outsider: Trade Wind.

Race No. 8.
ATAMAN
SORCERER
NORSE PRINCESS
Outsider: Dominion Day.

Race No. 9.
ARLINGTON
DING HOW
SHAHIN
Outsider: Flying Jib.

Race No. 10.
LANA
BELLE FONTAINE
INGRID
Outsider: Strathnamara.

Race No. 11.
FLUKE SHOT
PACIFIC
KWONG MING
Outsider: Sidler.

Teargas Used To End Riot

Florence, Jan. 23.

Seventeen people were taken to hospital when the police here used tear-gas and fired shots into the air to disperse unemployed demonstrators.

The Florence Chamber of Labour tonight called a general strike in the city to begin at midnight.

The demonstrators threw a hand-grenade under a police car but nobody was injured. Demanding work, the crowds paraded the streets, and after clashes with the police, 11 were arrested. The police made truncheon charges against the demonstrators.

Armoured cars were sent out against vast crowds of unemployed demonstrators in Milan, 256 kilometres to the north, when thousands of demonstrators broke through fully armed police cordons in front of the Prefecture.

Traffic was blocked in many thoroughfares. In a scuffle, one policeman was severely injured with a revolver and another was manhandled and trampled on.

The police spread barbed wire in the streets.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF

Fanling starting final for tomorrow—

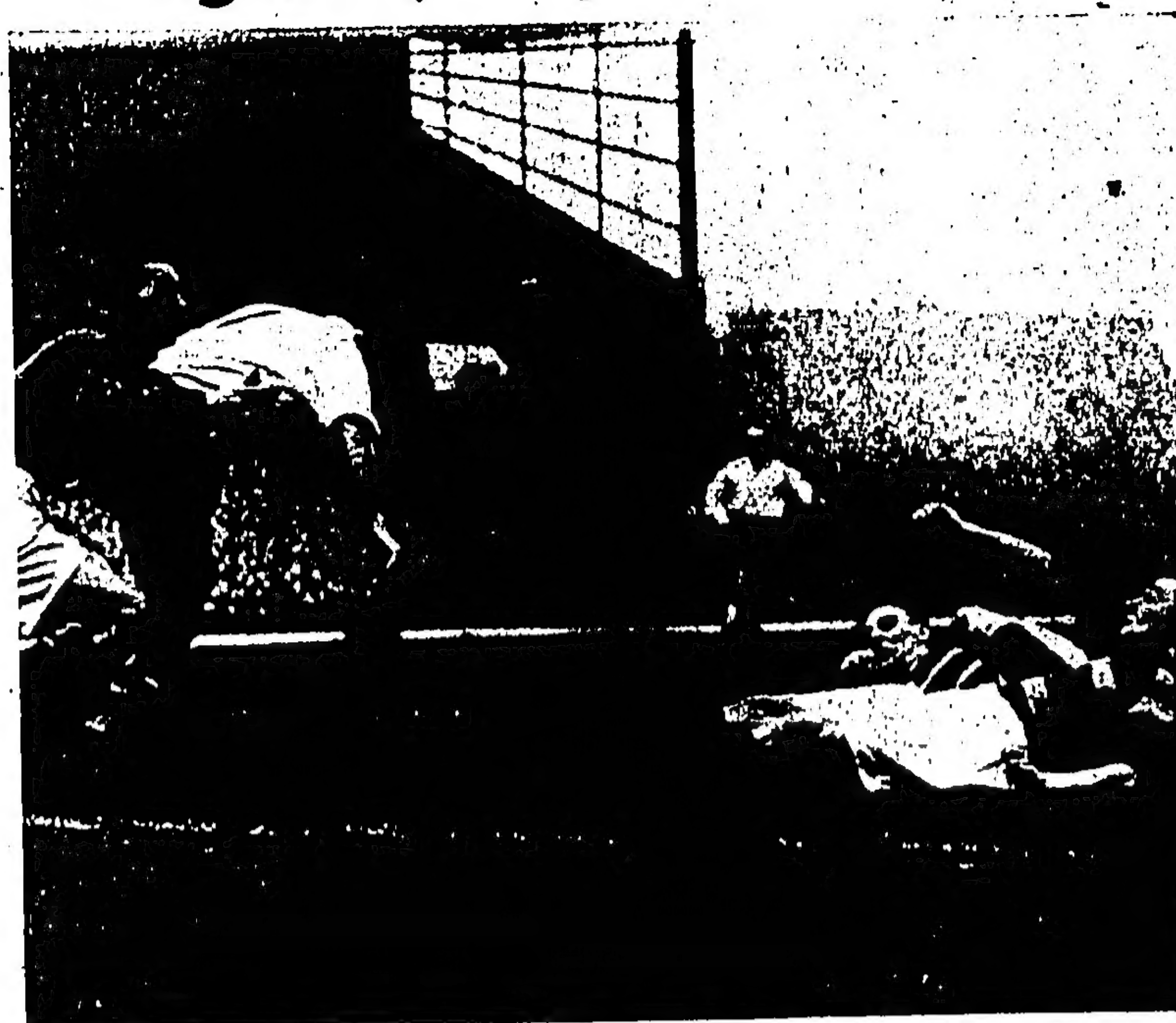
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PRINCESS' GIFT

London, Jan. 23.

Princess Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace today watched the packing of food parcels which she is sending to old age pensioners and war widows with young children.—Reuter.

Highbury Cup Tie Drama



Ian McPherson, Arsenal's outside-left, has his attempt on the Bradford goal stopped by Tommy Farr, Bradford's goalkeeper, after dribbling the ball the whole length of the field. Two of the Bradford defenders are seen on the ground at right during the Cup tie at Highbury on Jan. 10.—(A.P. Photo).

ANOTHER RECORD FOR DON BRADMAN

Adelaide, Jan. 23.

Australia had scored 370 for 3 wickets at the close of play in the Fourth Test today. Don Bradman, the Aussie skipper, made 201 of the runs, for his 37th double century and a new world record.

Bradman kept the test and Australia batted. Bradman met with success in his second over after Morris had glanced him beautifully for four. In attempting to force the fourth delivery down on to his stumps and the first wicket fell at 20.

Bradman came in and was off with his usual single from the last ball of the over. Bradman in attempting a pull played his first ball hard on to the top of his pad but then collected two from a late cut. Rangachari kept a steady length. Bradman playing every ball of one over watchfully. Barnes batted with supreme confidence and a four off a square cut from Phadkar was his fourth boundary in 18 runs.

It was a triumph for India's out-cricketer to confine the score in the morning session to 61 runs. Barnes was 31 and Bradman 20 at this time, Bradman having batted for 76 minutes.

After the interval, the batting continued in the slow, apart from a four to extra cover by Bradman with a drive off Mankad.

Both Bradman and Barnes were kept mainly on the defensive though Bradman was seeing the ball well and on-drive Rangachari for three. Bradman brought up 100 in 125 minutes with a push to the on for a single off Mankad and Bradman reached his 50 with a violent single when he off-drove Sarwate.

Bradman was now monopolising the scoring and he stepped back to pull Mankad for four. Barnes glanced Mankad for three to reach his 50 and immediately survived a confident appeal for leg before.

Bradman reached his century first glancing Hazare for four. This was his seventh three figure innings of the season and his third in successive innings. He had batted 191 minutes and hit seven fours.

The fifth 50 of the innings took only 38 minutes and the string had been taken from the Indian attack. Mankad's reward came in his 23rd over when Barnes, attempting a force shot to the on, was out leg before wicket with 112 to his credit.

Against a tired attack, Bradman and Hassett took runs at will, Bradman toning down when nearing his 200. Bradman pulled Hazare for four to reach his 37th first class double century, a world record, eclipsing Hammond's 36. His second hundred took 75 minutes. He and Hassett added a hundred in 55 minutes. Then Bradman, trying to hit Hazare for six, dragged the ball on to the stumps.

SCORES:
AUSTRALIA—1ST INNS.
7
Morris, b. Phadkar 101
Barnes, lbw, b. Mankad 124
Bradman, b. Hazare 201
Hassett, not out 59
Miller, not out 47
Extras 7
Total (for 3) 370
BOWLING
O. M. R. W.
Phadkar 10 0 48 1
Armanath 8 0 38 0
Rangachari 18 4 57 0
Mankad 27 7 100 1
Sarwate 12 7 68 0
Hazare 21 0 52 1
Bye one, leg-bye 5, on-ball 1 by Phadkar.—Reuter.

LAND FORCES

SOCCER

For their match against St. Joseph's tomorrow on the Causeway Bay ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Land Forces make a number of team changes from the team that beat Royal Engineers 3-1 on Thursday. The team is:

Wyborn, Lyons, Usherwood, Martin, Brown, Humbell, Baulch, Harrison, Tolladay, Wright, Rogers. Reserves: Bentley, Rock.

CERDAN'S NEXT

FIGHT

Paris, Jan. 23.
Marcel Cerdan, the French and European middle-weight boxing champion, will probably fight Bos Murphy, New Zealand middle-weight, in Paris if Murphy beats Vince Hawkins, the British champion, in the British Empire title fight in London on January 26.

Murphy's manager said he had received a good offer from the Palais des Sports, Paris, for a Murphy versus Cerdan fight in February.—Reuter.

TODAY'S HOCKEY

A friendly hockey game will be played at King's Park this afternoon at 4 p.m. between Club de Recreel and the Combined Royal Air Force and H.Q. Land Forces.

The following will represent the R.A.F. and Land Forces: Briesley (R.A.F.), Payne (Land Forces), Gay (R.A.F.), Hills (Land Forces), Cpl. Allard (R.A.F.), Jordan (R.A.F.), Lowe (Land Forces), Erwin (Land Forces), Connolly (R.A.F.), Skinner (R.A.F.), Mickey (R.A.F.).

SQUASH TITLE

London, Jan. 23.
Mahmoud El Karim, of the Gezira Sporting Club, Cairo, will defend his recently won British squash racket title at the 1947-48 championship, which begins at the Lansdowne Club, London, on March 8.

Entries will be restricted to 16 amateurs and professionals.—Associated Press.

RECS CLASH WITH SAINTS

(By "Grandstand")

An age-old feud—one that began ever since softball was played locally—will be revived this week as the Rambling Recs cross bats with the Slugging Saints at 11.15 a.m. tomorrow at the C.B.A. battle-ground.

Players have come and gone with the passing years but none of the bitterness between these two outfits has diminished in the least, and perennial fans will see that there never was, nor will there ever be, any diamond duel to surpass a Recs-Saints dog-fight. The rivalry is so great that the fact that both sides are racing neck to neck, with the pennant hanging on the outcome of this fracas, is merely incidental.

The Recs credo has always been to squeeze in a run and protect that lead, whereas the Jollin Joys scorn such tactics and believe in blasting the apple to distant places. Do not for moment think that the Recs are weak sisters at the plate, for right of the heels of Slugging Saint first-sacker cut men, there is none other than hawk Gerry Goosano, clouting the onion with a merry 400 plus, in the race for batting honours.

Recreo Promise

Recreo master-mind Tony Goncalves is determined to make his first managerial year a success and to fulfil a Recreo promise to get the pennant back again after the Saints wrested it from them in 1940. Tony Goncalves will start fifty Leo Tavares on the mound with Dicky Alves behind the plate. Leo is considered by dazzy know-alls to be the classiest moundman in the loop at present and his upshots might fool the Jollin Joys' hell-for-leather sluggers. Toeing the rubber for Stan Leonard's men will be Jack Brown who is dovetailing into the Saints strategy, and not only that Jack has also caught up with the Saints' slug-ging tempo and is mighty useful with the stick.

Recreo stars of yesterday's guarding the base-paths will be Wilfred Lawrence at the infield station with Peeves Alves, second. Since Lou Vieira's thumb injury, Gerry Goosano has been guarding the hot corner and will probably be seen in the slot. Billy Soares, the on-ly newcomer to the clan in the inner diamond will roam the windy alley. Tony Goncalves has several ballhawks to cap upon for the outfield and could be anyone of the following: Tony "palsano" Bayo Pereira, the "moon-crooner" Ernie Ribeiro, Reggie Soay, and even Lou Vieira despite his finger injury. Lou's batting mark rates him a berth on a team.

Leonard Brothers

Directing Saints strategy from the first-sack will be Stan Leonard with the majority of his pre-war "million-dollar infield" in the line-up. A Osorio, the Mighty Atom, second, Benny Omar plugging up the gap left of the key-stone with Hal Winglee calling the pitches behind the plate. Kickin' up diamond dust at the F. Turn will be none other than that colourful Dave Leonard whose years around the circuit have not dimmed his battle eye and they still back right against the fence when he steps to the platter with his wack. The gardening trio will be Jindoo Hussain, Sherry Bu and clutch-hitter Ramon Cast. Calling balls and strikes will be Doc Mothen, while watching the base-runners will be D. Robbins and Bill Woo—two guys that mean 'out' when they thumb you.

Coming into the home-street second round this week, Ed. Marques' Madcaps angle with the Hong Kong Baseballers 9.30 a.m. on the Recreo Football Ground with South Ch taking on the Canadians in afternoon game at the C.B.A.

Ladies Game

Earlier in the week there were some doubt as to whether the Rovers would make an appearance against the Filipinos in their scheduled fixture 2.30 a.m. at the C.B.A. lot, as it is understood that as a result of a strong letter by the Inter-Secretary requesting a satisfactory explanation of their failure to turn out against the Philippines last week, the Rovers have promised faith fully to fulfill their obligations in future.

The Ladies League cellar-dwellers are the Bees and the too, have not yet chalked their first win but I can bet bottom nickel that they'll be there with a full side when they meet the formidable Wildcat tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. There's a popular outlook.

The Madcaps Aces have to be signed at Celestine. Marques Asado for their Aces. Oles used to run the Baby Panthers in pre-war days.

ST. JOSEPH'S TEAMS

St. Joseph's Football teams.

The following are St. Joseph's football teams for today:

First Division v. Buffs, Navy ground, 4 p.m.; MacDugall, Goncalves and Leonard; Rumjahn, A. Xavier, G. Soares, and Mansoor, Carlos and Omar.

Second Division v. Land Forces, Navy ground, 2.30 p.m.; Jones, Noronha, Roza-Pereira, C. Castilho, A. Xavier, Peres, Erickson, C. Santos, Garcia, A. Santos and N. Xavier.

Club v. Signals (Club, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: A. Farmer.

25th R.A. v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.) Referee: F.H. Bullock.

Lineemen: Ribeiro and C.K. Won. Eastern v. Police (C. Hill, 4 p.m.) Referee: W. Gaffney. Lineemen: H. Delgado and P. George.

Sing Tao v. R.A.F. (Club, 4 p.m.) Referee: L.G. Young. Lineemen: S.M. Lui and Sgt. Manson.

K.M. Bus (Navy) v. Police (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: A. Leck.

South China v. Tai Koo (C. Hill, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Y.T. Leung.

Eastern v. Dockyard (Navy, 4 p.m.) Referee: SMI Easton.

Navy v. W.D. Chinese (Navy, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: RSM Ewin.

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Club v. Signals (Club, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: A. Farmer.

Whether Australia, who lost to the United States in the challenge round last year, will again enter will be decided at a meeting of the Australian Lawn Tennis officials on January 27.

The Davis Cup Committee has cabled the Australian Lawn Tennis Association expressing the hope that Australia would decide to compete again this year in the American Zone.

The entries of Canada, who announced yesterday they would compete in the American Zone, and Ireland in the Europe Zone, are expected.—Reuter.

GOOD RUGGER AT VALLEY TO-DAY

(By "Crums")

Last week saw the final games in this season's most successful Quadrangular Rugger Tournament, and by virtue of their pointless draw against the Army, the Club emerged as worthy winners.

The final table reads, as follows:

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All these will be seen out today with the exception of Small.

All members are asked to pay at the gate today and the takings will be put towards the Rugby Interiors Fund.

At 3.15 the Club "A" XV will be opposing H.M.S. London.

The following is the Club team against London on Club ground at 3.15 p.m. today:

Dunnott, Vanghan, Cuccaden, Mackie, Robertson, J. Thum, N. Slater, N. Watt, Gauntlett, C. G. Brown, E. J. Brown, R. Clark, Baker, E. Thompson, L. Burch.

This match will be of great value to the Club whose team has now been selected to make the trip to Shanghai in two weeks' time.

Club are playing right on top of their form at the moment and their backs are improving in each match though they will have their work cut out to hold their opposite numbers today.

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